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### MESSAGE

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COMMENT: LIGHTNESS OF SENTENCE REFLECTS RELATIVELY MINOR NATURE OF CHARGE OF WHICH KIA FOUND GUILTY. THOUGH SPECIFIC CHARGE WAS EMPLOYMENT OF MINISTRY ROADS EQUIPMENT FOR PRIVATE GAIN, IT WAS CLEAR TO ALL THAT KIA ACTUALLY BEING TRIED FOR MORE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS MANIPULATION OF MAJLIS ELECTIONS. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OFTEN DIGRESSED TO DESCRIBE KIA'S OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND MAJORITY JUDGES PROBABLY AS MUCH INFLUENCED BY CHARGES OUTSIDE OF INDICTMENT AS THOSE WITHIN. DISSENTER RASTEGAR, ON OTHER HAND, SUSPECTED OF PRO-KIA BIAS, IN VIEW CASE REPORT HE MAY BE MEMBER KIA'S KOOK ORGANIZATION (WEEKA 22). (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

##### A. PRESS

(1) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KIA CONVICTION: LIGHTNESS OF SENTENCE GREETED WITH MUTED SCORN BY MOST PRESS, ANGRILY BY DIPLOMAT, IYAMSHAD. ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY CITED AS EVIDENCE ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE FALTERING DUE BULKY LEGAL MACHINERY, TIMIDITY OF AMINI, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN NOT INDICTING MAJOR THIEVES STILL AT LARGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PROSECUTOR'S CONDUCT KIA TRIAL, WHEREIN IRRELEVANT CHARGES EMOTIONALLY FLUNG AT COURT, INDICATES SOME TRUTH IN PRESS CHARGES THAT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE STILL BOGGED DOWN IN INEFFICIENT INVESTIGATIVE AND TRIAL PROCEDURES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: STATE OF EDITORIALS SPECULATED ON PUTATIVE MAJOR CHANGES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, I.E., WITHDRAWAL NUCLEAR BASES, REAPPROACHMENT WITH SOVIET UNION, EXTENSION OF AID TO BOTH COMMITTED, UNCOMMITTED NATIONS. POSTE TEHRAN, PEIGHAM EMRUZ, DIPLOMAT SNIFFED THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OFTEN CONTRADICTORY, EMOTIONAL, AND FRIENDS, ENEMIES CAN ONLY AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) SOVIET EXPULSION BUSHEHRIFOUR: STRONG PRESS REACTION TO MOSCOW'S EXPULSION IRANIAN PRESS ATTACHE. SEVERAL PAPERS CALLED FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT SOVIET MAN IN TEHRAN, OTHERS REHASHED LONG HISTORY SOVIET ABUSE VIA PRESS, RADIO; IN CONCERT PRESS DEPLORED SOVIET SECRECY, SUPPRESSION OF NORMAL INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES, HARRASSMENT BY SECRET POLICE. (WEEKA 25)

COMMENT: PRESS APPEARS GENUINELY ANGRY ABOUT SOVIET ACTION, MOVED TO REVIVE LONG-DORMANT ANTI-SOVIET THEMES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) DR. AMINI: FULL PURSUIT OF PRESS OF BELEAGURED PM SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED AS MOST APPLAUDED HIS STATEMENTS RE PURPOSE, FREEDOM OF PRESS. HIS DECISION SLASH BUDGET, CONTINUE ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE GIVEN LUKEWARM, WARY APPROVAL. REPORTED IMPENDING VISIT TO U.S. INTERPRETED AS EVIDENCE CONTINUING U.S. SUPPORT PM, STABILITY HIS GOVERNMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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#### B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: COMMENTED THAT RUSK TALKS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS SUCCESSFUL. QUOTED PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT RED CHINESE ATTACK ON AIWAN FACES U.S. COUNTERACTION. AS YET NO RADIO REACTION EXPULSION BUSHEHRIPOUR FROM MOSCOW. MR. KHOSHKISH, PRESIDENT BANK MELLI, IN INTERVIEW PRAISED AMERICAN ASSISTANCE IN EXTINGUISHING FIRE AT PLEDGE & PAWN BANK. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: LACK OF COMMENT BUSHEHRIPOUR'S EXPULSION APPEARS STRANGE IN VIEW HIS REPORT CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH DPB DIRECTOR MOINIAN, DPB'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESS ATTACHES, AND INDIGNATION EXPRESSED BY PRESS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM COMMENTS RE IRAN UNUSUALLY SCANT THIS WEEK. ONE BROADCAST CRITICIZED OUSTED IRANIAN PRESS ATTACHE BUSHEHRIPOUR CLAIM THAT IRANIANS MISTREATED IN USSR AS MERE ATTEMPTS "SOW DISCORD" BETWEEN USSR, IRAN BY ILLICIT FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRAFFIC CLANDESTINE, USSR-BASED NVI CRITICIZED GOVT POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH KUWAIT WHICH FAILS SUPPORT IRAN'S CLAIM TO BAHREIN; PROMISED THAT FUTURE NATIONALIST GOI WILL FORM ALLIANCE WITH IRAQ TO OUST IMPERIALISTS FROM PERSIAN GULF. CRITICIZED AMINI ATTEMPTS "CONTROL" PRESS, REFERRING TO HIS RECENT TALKS TO JOURNALISTS. CALLED PROPOSED REDUCTION NIOC BUDGET "ACT OF TREASON" WHICH WILL RENDER NIOC POWERLESS TO STAND UP TO CONSORTIUM, IMPERIALISTS.

EAST-GERMAN BASED PEYK-E IRAN DECRIED WRETCHED FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL CONDITION MOST IRANIAN INTELLECTUALS, EXCEPT FOR FEW DOCTILE WELL-FED INDIVIDUALS KEPT BY GOVT FOR SHOW. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FVI (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL CLANDESTINE, UAR-BASED RADIO. END CONFIDENTIAL) CONTINUED ITS STANDAU CRY FOR BLOODY REVOLUTION AND OVERTHROW OF SHAH, AMINI AND SUPPORTERS. CLAIMED "NF MEMBERS ABROAD" HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR SHAH'S OVERTHROW. (UNCLASSIFIED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INSERT)

#### 3. MILITARY

##### A. ARMY

(1) IIA RETIREMENTS: RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS SHAH REQUESTED CHIEF, MIN WAR BUDGET BUREAU CONDUCT SPECIAL STUDY DETERMINE COST OF RETIRING ALL COLONELS AND GENERALS WITH OVER 25 YEARS SERVICE. IF PKM FEASIBLE HIM WILL RETAIN NOT MORE THAN 12 GENERAL OFFICERS IN ABOVE GROUP. PURPOSE TO MOTIVATE ARMY AND ADD YOUNG BLOOD.

ANOTHER SOURCE STATES SHAH HAS CUSTOMARY ANNUAL LIST OF OFFICERS PROPOSED FOR AUTUMN RETIREMENT, INCLUDING 50 GENERALS AND 1200 FIELD GRADE OFFICERS; SOURCE SAYS GENERALS HEJAZI AND RIAHI WILL PROBABLY BE RETIRED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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COMMENT: SHAH MAY SINCERELY DESIRE ELIMINATE DEADWOOD, BUT NO  
INDICATION WHICH PROCESS WILL BE ADOPTED. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
B. NAVY - NEGATIVE  
C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

SGD HOLMES

ACTION: ACS

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JOINT WEEKA 27.

1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) OPEC RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTIONS OF THE FOURTH CONFERENCE OF OIL PETROLEUM-EXPORTING COUNTRIES PUBLISHED LOCALLY JULY 2. CALL FOR: (1) NEGOTIATIONS WITH OIL COMPANIES "FORTHWITH" RESTORE PERSIAN GULF CRUDE OIL POSTED PRICES TO LEVEL PREVAILING BEFORE AUGUST 1960 CUTS; (2) FIXING UNIFORM RATE FOR ROYALTY PAYMENTS, WHICH PAYMENTS WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM NET TAXABLE INCOME RATHER THAN TREATED AS CREDIT AGAINST ACTUAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY AS IS NOW THE CASE; (3) ELIMINATION EXPENSES OIL MARKETING ABROAD AS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTION FOR TAXATION PURPOSES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRIMIN CALLED IN AMB HOLMES PRIOR TO PUBLIC RELEASE RESOLUTIONS AND INFORMED HIM GOI'S SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS DID NOT IMPLY ATTACK ON OIL CONSORTIUM OR SUGGEST OIL AGREEMENT BE MODIFIED; STATED GOI RELATIONS WITH CONSORTIUM VERY GOOD AND IRAN HAD EXERCISED MODERATING INFLUENCE IN OPEC. WHILE AMINI STATEMENT SINCERE AND ENCOURAGING INSOFAR AS CONSORTIUM CONCERNED, FAR-REACHING CHARACTER RESOLUTIONS CLEARLY WILL HAVE SHARP IMPACT ON CONSORTIUM AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. (SEE EMBTELS 8 AND 11). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) BUDGET PROCEEDINGS (WEEK 26) CABINET DEBATING 1341 BUDGET IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS DURING PAST WEEK. FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION INDICATES SOME CONCESSIONS ALREADY MADE TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES, MOST NOTABLY EDUCATION, WHICH RESULTED IN INCREASING ADMINISTRATIVE "CORE" DEFICIT ABOVE 2 BILLION RIALS (\$27 MILLION) AS PRESENTED BY MIN FINANCE. MAJOR UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS NOW IN AREA OF SECURITY AGENCIES (MIN WAR, POLICE, SAVAK, GENDARMERIE) WHICH SO FAR REFUSE ACCEPT RECOMMENDED CUTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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COMMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET DEFICIT CERTAIN TO BE MUCH HIGHER THAN CAN BE HANDLED BY INTERNAL BANK FINANCING. OUR AMB, IN JUNE 29 AUDIENCE WITH SHAH, REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO US BUDGETARY SUPPORT THIS YEAR; SHAH EXPLORED WITH AMB THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPENSATING FOR THIS WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT BY LONG-TERM LOANS OR BY LONG-TIME USE OF PLAN ORG'S SHARE OF OIL REVENUES TO BALANCE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET. RE LOANS, AMB REMINDED SHAH OF DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA; RE DIVERSION OIL REVENUES, AMB SUGGESTED CONSULTATION WITH IBRD TO DETERMINE EFFECT SUCH ACTION ON THAT INSTITUTION'S SPONSORSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR AID TO IRAN'S THIRD PLAN. (SEE EMBTEL 5). (SECRET)

(5) KIA RELEASED ON BAIL: GENERAL HAJ ALIKIA, FORMER CHIEF OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE, RELEASED FROM JAIL JULY 2 ON 5 MILLION RIALS (\$67 THOUSAND) BAIL. MINISTRY JUSTICE ACCEPTED BAIL AFTER KIA APPEALED LAST WEEK'S SPLIT DECISION OF CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL FINDING HIM GUILTY OF MISUSE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (WEEK 26). (UNCLASSIFIED).

COMMENT: IN TEHRAN MOST COMMENT IS THAT THIS IS LAST THAT WILL BE HEARD OF KIA CASE. THOUGH KIA PERHAPS MOST POWERFUL OF THOSE ARRESTED IN ORIGINAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE, CASE HAS DONE LITTLE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC IMAGE OF AMINI GOVT, LARGELY BECAUSE OF INSIGNIFICANT, POLITICAL NATURE OF CHARGES. (CONF)

### B. EXTERNAL

(1) SHAH VISITS PAKISTAN: SHAH FLEW TO PAKISTAN JUNE 30 FOR PRIVATE VISIT, TALKS WITH AYUB-KHAN; RETURNED TEHRAN JULY 3. PRESS DESCRIBED TALKS AS "EXTREMELY CORDIAL". REPORTED AYUB'S ACCEPTANCE SHAH'S OFFER TO MEDIATE PAK-AFGHAN DIFFERENCES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BEFORE VISIT SHAH TOLD OUR AMB THAT TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES WERE: DETERMINE EXTENT AYUB'S DISENCHANTMENT WITH WESTERN ASSOCIATION, PARTICULARLY CENTO AND REASSURE AYUB OF RELIABILITY WESTERN SUPPORT, PERSUADE HIM TO MORE WHOLE-HEARTED COOPERATION. SHAH EXPRESSED GREAT CONFIDENCE IN AYUB, CHARACTERISING HIM AS BASICALLY SOLID, RESPONSIBLE, AND GOOD SOLDIER. (SECRET)

## 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

### A. PRESS

(1) SHAH'S PAKISTAN VISIT: FLURRY EDITORIAL SPECULATION RE PURPOSE SHAH'S VISIT, RANGING FROM STIFFENING PAKISTAN'S WAVERING LOYALTY CENTO TO MEDIATION PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE. PRESS PRAISED SHAH FOR USING HIS TREMENDOUS PRESTIGE PROMOTE PEACE, STRENGTHEN LONG-TIME IRANO-PAK RELATIONS. (UNCLAS)

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(2) ALGERIA: HIGHLY EMOTIONAL HOSANNAS FOR TRIUMPH BROTHER MOSLEMS OF ALGERIAN REVOLUTION, CRIES FOR IMMEDIATE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION BY IRAN, PRAYERS THAT POWER STRUGGLE RIVAL FACTIONS NOT DESTROY UNITY, GLORY OF REVOLUTION. DEGAULLE PRAISED FOR STRONG, REALISTIC MEASURES HE TOOK TO END FRENCH DOMINATION; LITTLE APPARENT OUTRAGE OVER PAST CRIMES FRENCH IMPERIALISM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ELECTIONS: CONTINUING ANALYSIS, COMMENT, MOSTLY BY SMALLER PAPERS, RE FAILURE AMINI TO HOLD MAJLIS ELECTIONS.

COMMENT: SHRILL DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS HAVE LESSENED BUT PAPERS CONTINUE KEEP ISSUE ALIVE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) OPEC CONFERENCE: COMMENT, NEWS COVERAGE IN DEPTH 4TH OPEC CONFERENCE. REITERATION USUAL DEMANDS FOR LARGER SHARE OIL REVENUE, EMPLOYMENT MORE IRANIANS, AND FAMILIAR COMMENTS ON PAST GREED OIL COMPANIES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: STRONG PRAISE SHAH HIS ROLE AS MEDIATOR PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE. TRANSLATED AND BROADCAST TEXT PRAVDA ARTICLE QUOTING KHRUSHCHEV THAT SOVIETS COULD LEARN SUCCESSFUL AGRICULTURE FROM AMERICANS: ALSO PRAVDA ARTICLE CRITICIZING INFERIOR PRODUCTION SOVIET FACTORIES, RISING EMBEZZLEMENT AMONG FACTORY OFFICIALS. EXTENDED IRANIAN CONGRATULATIONS ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE, HEAPED PRAISE ON DEGAULLE HIS FORESIGHT, COURAGE. BROADCAST DR. AMINI'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SAID U.S. WOULD NOT PROVIDE AID BUT WOULD COVER DEFICIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN RM SAID SHAH SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED CASPIN VACATION, ON US RECOMMENDATION, TO VISIT PAKISTAN IN ORDER PERSUADE AYUB TO CONTINUE CENTO PARTICIPATION AND PRO-WEST FOREIGN POLICY. CRITICIZED GOI'S ALLEGED PREVENTION IRANIAN "PEACE PARTISANS" FROM SUPPORTING "WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND PEACE" SOON TO CONVENE IN MOSCOW.

USSR-BASED CLANDESTINE NVI REPEATEDLY ATTACKED SHAH'S PAKISTAN VISIT AS FUTILE EFFORT TO DISSUADE PAKS FROM "RESCUING" SELVES FROM PAST PRO-WESTERN FOREIGN POLICY. CLAIMED PEOPLES BOTH COUNTRIES ANGERED BY VISIT; SUGGESTED US EMBASSY TALK TO AYUB DIRECTLY, RATHER THAN THROUGH "AGENT".

EAST-GERMAN BASED PEYK-E IRAN CONTINUED CALL FOR "FREE ELECTIONS"; SAID SHAH, AMINI FEAR THEM BECAUSE MAJORITY OF THOSE ELECTED WOULD OPPOSE PRESENT "CORRUPT" REGIME. FVI (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO END CONFIDENTIAL) CONTINUED FAMILIAR CALL FOR VIOLENT OVERTHROW SHAH AND AMINI; CLAIMED SHAH ALWAYS "FULL OF VODKA", CONTINUES HIS "DIRTY PRACTICES" EVEN DURING MOHARRAM. (UNCLASSIFIED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INSERT)

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3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) IIA REORGANIZATION: OFFICERS TO HEAD LOG-ADMIN COMMAND (WEEK 25, ET AL) LT GEN GHOLAM HOSSEIN VAFA (CURRENTLY 2ND DEPUTY, LOGISTICS, SCS) APPOINTED COMMANDER, AND MAJ GEN MOHAMED FAZELI (CURRENTLY COMMANDANT, MILITARY UNIVERSITY) APPOINTED DEPUTY COMMANDER, NEW IIA LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: LOG-ADMIN COMMAND IS THIRD OF THREE MAJOR NEW COMMANDS TO BE CREATED IN REORGANIZATION IIA (OTHERS ARE 1ST AND 2ND ARMIES, CURRENTLY BEING ORGANIZED); TO BE ORGANIZED WITHIN 30-45 DAYS. FAZELI HAS REPUTATION AS EXCELLENT, EFFICIENT OFFICER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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JOINT WEEKA NO 28

- 1. POLITICAL
- A. INTERNAL

(1) FISCAL PROBLEM AND THIRD PLAN (WEEK 27)  
AS END FOURTH MONTH IRANIAN YEAR 1341 APPROACHES, FINAL DECISION ON BUDGET APPARENTLY IMMINENT. OWING SO FAR SUCCESSFUL RESISTANCE TO PROPOSED CUTS BY MILITARY, SECURITY FORCES, AND MIN EDUCATION, PROBABLE DEFICIT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AT LEAST 5 BILLION RIALS (\$67 MILLION) INSTEAD OF 2 BILLION (\$27 MILLION) AS PRESENTED BY MINISTRY FINANCE. MEANWHILE, DRAFT THIRD PLAN LAW UNDER CABINET REVIEW; INITIAL DECISION: SHIFT NEW-PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FROM PLAN ORG TO MINISTRIES WHEN THIRD PLAN STARTS SEPT 22, BUT LEAVE IMPLEMENTATION ON-GOING SECOND PLAN PROJECTS WITH PLAN ORG.

COMMENT: PRIMIN AMINI'S DETERMINED EFFORT, WITH AID OF MIN FINANCE TEAM, TO CUT ADMIN EXPENDITURES HAS ENTAILED HEAVY STRAIN ON CABINET RELATIONSHIPS AND, IN CASE OF MILITARY, PROBABLY SOME STRAIN ON SHAH-AMINI RELATIONSHIP. HOWEVER, FONMIN TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT SHAH, AT JULY 12 MEETING WITH PRIMIN AND CABINET, SUPPORTED AMINI'S BUDGET-CUTTING EFFORTS, INCLUDING MILITARY; IF SO, AND IF SUPPORT CONTINUES, SOME FURTHER CUTS MAY BE ACHIEVED. (EMBTEL 45). (CONFIDENTIAL)

INITIAL DECISION RE IMPLEMENTATION THIRD PLAN PROJECTS, COMBINED WITH LARGE ADMIN BUDGET DEFICIT, WILL CREATE PROBLEMS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH IBRD TEAM EXPECTED HERE IN NEAR FUTURE UNLESS CABINET PROVIDES FOR TIGHT FINANCIAL CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY PLAN ORG DURING THIRD PLAN PERIOD. PUSH TO COMPLETE BUDGET AND PLAN LAW NOW INTENSE IN ORDER ASSURE START OF THIRD PLAN ON SCHEDULE AND REVIVE WANING HOPES OF IBRD-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL FINANCING CONSORTIUM IN SEPTEMBER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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(2) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KIA RECALLED FOR INTERROGATION (WEEKA 27) GENERAL HAJ ALI KIA, RELEASED JULY 2 ON BAIL AFTER BEING SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON MINOR CHARGES, RECALLED THIS WEEK FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING BY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ("CIVIL SERVICE") TRIBUNAL. NEW CHARGES REPORTEDLY RELATE TO ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE BY KIA IN GENERAL ELECTIONS AT GARMSAR AND EMBEZZLEMENT OF FUNDS OF COOPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY OUTSIDE TEHRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: MINISTER JUSTICE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 4 THAT KIA TRIAL, AND ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN IN GENERAL, HAD BECOME FARCE OWING MINISTRY'S LACK OF JURISDICTION OVER CRIMES COMMITTED BY MILITARY OFFICERS AND MAJLIS DEPUTIES. IF MINISTRY NOW ESTABLISHES JURISDICTION OVER GARMSAR ELECTION INTERFERENCE, WHICH PRESUMABLY PERFORMED IN KIA'S CAPACITY AS MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF. MAY OPEN WAY FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) ARSANJANI RETURNS (WEEKA 22 AND 235)  
MINISTER AGRICULTURE ARSENJANI RETURNED JULY 7 AFTER 5 WEEKS IN EUROPE. JULY 10 ANNOUNCED TENTATIVE PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT FACTOR ASSEMBLY PLANT WITH FRENCH OR YUGOSLAV ASSISTANCE, AND REAFFIRMED PEASANTS' RIGHT REFUSE PAY LANDLORD-SHARE OF CROP IN ANY AREA WHERE COMMENCEMENT OF LAND REFORM LAW APPLICATION ANNOUNCED. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: AMBITIOUS, ENERGETIC ARSANJANI WASTED NO TIME GETTING BACK IN LIMELIGHT, THOUGH IMPACT OF RETURN SO FAR SOMEWHAT LESS THAN EXPECTED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(4) LIQUIDATION OF 1960 PL-480 ACCOUNT (WEEKA 22)  
WITH DEPOSIT JULY 5 RIAL EQUIV \$6.8 MILLION, GOI HAS FINALLY LIQUIDATED 1960 PL-480 AGREEMENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)  
COMMENT: WELCOME DEVELOPMENT BRINGS TO END ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN IRRITANT OUR RELATIONS WITH GOI FOR SOME TIME. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

#### B. EXTERNAL

(1) SHAH'S PAKISTAN VISIT (WEEKA 27) FONMIN TOLD OUR AMB THAT SHAH, FOLLOWING TALKS WITH AYUB, CONCLUDED PAKISTAN SOLIDLY IN CENOTO, NO DANGER OF WITHDRAWAL. SAID SHAH PLEASED WITH DISCUSSIONS PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, IN WHICH AYUB AGREED TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ALSO RE-OPENING UNSPECIFIED AFGHAN CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICES. ALSO SAID AFGHAN KING HAS INVITED SHAH VISIT KABUL; SHAH HAD HOPED DELAY VISIT AND AVOID FURTHER PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT, UNTIL LOWER-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS, NOW BEING INITIATED, PRODUCE REAL PROSPECT FOR SETTLEMENT. (EMBTLS 24 AND 46). (CONFIDENTIAL)

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(2) FOREIGN MINISTERS TO VISIT TEHRAN TURKISH FONMIN ERKIN TO ARRIVE JULY 17 WITH THREE HIGH OFFICIALS FOR 4-DAY TALKS WITH ARAM RE CENTO AND OTHER MATTERS; TO CONFER ALSO WITH SHAH, PRIMIN. PRESS REPORTS PAK FONMIN MOHAMMAD ALI BOGRA INVITED VISIT TEHRAN FOLLOWING HIS JULY 14 BAGHDAD VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS FIRST VISIT BY A TURKISH FONMIN SINCE MENDERES OVERTHROWN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) FISCAL PROBLEMS: MOST PRESS APPLAUDED AMINI'S BUDGET SLASHING, BLAMED FORMER GOVERNMENTS FOR 65-MILLION-DOLLAR DEFICIT EXPECTED DESPITE PRUNING. MOST PAPERS CALLED FOR STRICTER COLLECTION TAXES, WISER USE OF REVENUES; SEVERAL SMALLER PAPERS CLAIMED DEFICIT CAN BE REDUCED BY IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL INCOMPETENT OVER-PAID FOREIGN EXPERTS

(2) SHAH'S PAKISTAN VISIT: PRESS ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY CONTINUED SALUTE SHAH' EFFORT MEDIANE PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE; HAILED HIS TREMENDOUS PRESTIGE AS FORCE FOR PEACE MIDDLE EAST, REMINDED READERS THAT PREVIOUS U.S. EFFORTS SETTLE PAK-AFGHAN PROBLEMS FAILED BUT THAT SHAH WILL SAVE DAY.

(3) ALGERIA: CONTINUING FUSILLADE OF PRAISE BRAVE STRUGGLE BROTHER ALGERIAN MOSLEMS ACHIEVE FREEDOM FROM IMPERIALISM. ETTELA'AT, KAYHAN WARNED THAT STRUGGLE FOR POWER BETWEEN BEN KHEDDA-BEN BELLA COULD PRODUCE CHAOS, REDUCE SACRIFICES TO MOCKERY.

COMMENT: HYSTERICAL JOY OF MOST PAPERS SOMEWHAT BELATED IN VIEW ALMOST TOTAL LACK EDITORIAL COMMENT LAST SEVEN YEARS. ONLY ETTELA-AT, KAYHAN, SEEM AWARE DANGER TO REVOLUTION IN CURRENT POWER STRUGGLE.

(4) U.S.: CONSIDERABLE PRESS SPECULATION WISDOM RECENT U.S. MOVES BERLIN, LAOS, QUEMOY, NATO. ELEMENTS OF PRESS CLAIMED U.S. HAS LOST REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR, DEVOTES 4TH OF JULY TO HOT DOGS, EMPTY SPEECHES. OTHER ELEMENTS PRAISED U.S. AS WORLD LEADER IN FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE NATIONS STILL UNDER FOREIGN RULE; STILL OTHERS DEPLORED ANTICIPATED TIGHTENING U.S. FOREIGN AID POLICY.

(5) OPEC RESOLUTIONS: RISING CHORUS DEMANDING CONSORTIUM ACCEPT OPEC RESOLUTIONS, QUIT MASKING RELUCTANCE TO NEGOTIATE ON OPEC TERMS AS CONCERN FOR CONSUMER. ATTRIBUTED CONTINUED POVERTY, DISEASE IRAN TO REFUSAL CONSORTIUM TO SHARE WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES ITS 40-60 PERCENT PROFITS ON ORIGINAL INVESTMENT.

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### B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: CONTINUED BROADCASTING TRANSLATED EXCERPTS IZVESTIA, PRAVDA WHICH CITE SOVIET INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL FAILURES. THIS PLAY RESUMED LAST TWO WEEKS AFTER ABSENCE OF THREE MONTHS. TELESTAR LAUNCHING WIDELY BROADCAST, HAILED AS YET ANOTHER U.S. SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT. ALGERIAN SITUATION REPORTED DAILY, IN DEPTH; CONCERN VOICED KHEDDA-BELLA STRUGGLE.

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM CONCENTRATED ON CURRENT MOSCOW "WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND PEACE", RELATING IT TO FAMILIAR CALL FOR IRAN'S WITHDRAWAL FROM "IMPERIALISTS" ARMS RACE, WHILE DIRECTLY ATTACKING ONLY "RULING CLASS"; REPORTED "SMALL" IRANIAN DELEGATION AT CONFERENCE, LED BY BOZORG-E ALAVI, "PHILANTHROPIST WRITER". ONE BROADCAST REPEATED CHARGES ILLEGAL TRANSACTIONS AGAINST OUSTED PRESS ATTACHE BUSHEHRIPOUR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NO KNOWN DELEGATES TRAVELED TO CONFERENCE FROM IRAN THOUGH SOVIETS INVITED SEVERAL PERSONS; BOZORG-E ALAVI IS TUDEH PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER LIVING IN EAST GERMANY. (CONFIDENTIAL) USSR-BASED, CLANDESTINE NVI SNEERED AT SHAH'S PAKISTAN VISIT AND MEDIATION OFFER, ASKING HOW ONE WHO LED OWN COUNTRY TO "DEAD-END" CAN HELP OTHERS. CLAIMED ROYAL COURT PRESSED AMINI TO RESIGN OVER ECONOMIC, BUDGET DIFFICULTIES, AND AMINI REFUSED, THREATENING ANNOUNCE COURT'S OPPOSITION CRITICIZED TOUGH TALK TOWARDS OPPOSITION BY AMINI IN HIS JULY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL UAR-BASED, CLANDESTINE RADIO END CONFIDENTIAL) CONTINUED CONCENTRATE SINGLE THEME THAT VIOLENT REVOLUTION IRAN'S ONLY HOPE AND SHAH, AMINI, "ROTTEN" ROYAL FAMILY MUST BE "SENT TO HELL".

### 3. MILITARY

#### A. ARMY

(1) ORDNANCE CASE: NEW ARREST: (WEEK 16 AND 24) DR. HABIBOLLAH MOAZAM, CHIEF, LEGAL DEPT, MIN OF WAR (AND NEPHEW OF MOSADEQ REGIME PARLIAMENTARY LEADER) ARRESTED IN CONNECTION ORDNANCE CASE, IN WHICH GEN DAFTAR I HAS BEEN DETAINED SINCE APRIL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THERE MAY BE ATTEMPT TO INDICT MAJ GEN AHMAD MAJIN, J-4 SCS, WHO SIGNED CONTRACTS INCREASING COST BATTERY FACTORY FROM APPROX \$5-TO \$15 MILLION, THOUGH

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GENERALLY BELIEVED MAJIN WILL ESCAPE PUNISHMENT; MOAZAN  
WAS LEGAL ADVISOR THESE CONTRACTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IIA REORGANIZATION: C/S 2ND ARMY  
APPOINTED (WEEKA 24, ET AL ) BRIG GEN FERIDUN TAIDI APPOINTED  
CHIEF OF STAFF, NEW 2ND ARMY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: TAIDI IS BAHAI, CAUSING SOME IIA OFFICERS SUGGEST  
EXCHANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS WITH BRIG GEN ARBABI, C/S 1ST ARMY,  
IN ORDER AVOID OFFENSE TO STRONGLY CONSERVATIVE MOSLEMS OF  
MESHED; HOWEVER, EXCHANGE UNLIKELY, WOULD DELAY IIA REORGA-  
NIZATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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JOINT WEEKA 29.

**1. POLITICAL**

**A. INTERNAL**

(1) CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT: (EMBTLS 74, 75, 78)  
PRIMIN AMINI AND CABINET RESIGNED JULY 17,  
FOLLOWING WEEKS OF UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS REDUCE OPERATING  
BUDGET DEFICIT TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS AND PHYSICAL NEAR-  
COLLAPSE OF AMINI. IN JULY 18 PRESS CONFERENCE AMINI  
CRITICIZED AS UNJUST THE US DECISION NOT TO FURNISH MILITARY  
BUDGET SUPPORT THIS YEAR.

ON JULY 19 APPOINTMENT PAHLAVI FOUNDATION DIRECTOR  
ASADOLLAH ALAM AS NEW PRIMIN ANNOUNCED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: FINAL WEEK BEFORE RESIGNATION EMBASSY RECEIVED  
INDIRECT APPEALS FOR US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OPERATING  
BUDGET. DEFICIT PROBABLY IN EXCESS 9 BILLION RIALS  
(\$120 MILLION) FOLLOWING ADAMANT DEMANDS BY MILITARY AND  
EDUCATION FOR INCREASED, RATHER THAN DECREASED, BUDGETS,  
AND UNWILLINGNESS OF EXHAUSTED AMINI AND CABINET FACE UP  
TO NEED TO INCREASE REVENUES IN ORDER MEET INCREASED  
EXPENDITURE OBLIGATIONS THEY RECKLESSLY AUTHORIZED DURING  
PERIOD IN OFFICE.

ALAM, ONE OF IRAN'S LARGEST LAND OWNERS AND FORMER  
LEADER HARD ON PARTY (SHAH-CREATED "LOYAL OPPOSITION"),  
IS LIFE-LONG FRIEND AND CONFIDANTE OF SHAH. BACKGROUND  
AND ASSOCIATIONS GIVE NO INDICATION HE WILL BE ANYTHING  
BUT SHAH'S DEVOTED SERVANT AND, WHEN NEEDED, SCAPEGOAT.  
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(2) ANTI CORRUPTION-STATE RAILWAY FRAUD:  
MINISTRY JUSTICE ANNOUNCED JULY 17 IT HAD UNCOVERED IN  
IRANIAN STATE RAILWAYS ONE OF BIGGEST FRAUDS IN IRANIAN  
HISTORY. 22 FORMER RAILWAY OFFICIALS ARRESTED BY  
JULY 19 ON CHARGES COLLECTING SALARIES FOR 300 NON-EXISTENT  
EMPLOYEES. THOUGH EXACT AMOUNT MISAPPROPRIATION NOT  
KNOWN, ESTIMATED IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 300 MILLION RIALS  
(\$4 MILLION).

(3) RECORD OIL REVENUE PAYMENT: JULY 15 OIL  
CONSORTIUM PAYMENT, COVERING SECOND QUARTER 1962, TOTALLED  
\$78.7 MILLION, HIGHEST ON RECORD. BRINGS REVENUES FOR  
FIRST HALF YEAR 8 PER CENT ABOVE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

OF SPECIAL \$14 MILLION ADVANCE REQUESTED BY GOI  
IN JUNE TO EASE BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES, ONLY \$13 MILLION  
RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 15 PAYMENT BECAUSE ESSO, CONSORTIUM  
MEMBER COMPANY, DECLINED MAKE ADVANCE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

COMMENT: ESSO'S REFUSAL INDICATES GRADUALLY STIFFENING  
ATTITUDE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS TOWARD SUCH ADVANCE REQUESTS, WHICH  
MADE EVERY QUARTER SINCE EARLY 1960. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

IF FIRST HALF-YEAR GROWTH RATE MAINTAINED, GOI'S 1961  
OIL REVENUES (INCLUDING \$10 MILLION RETROACTIVE PAYMENT  
RECEIVED APRIL) COULD REACH \$323 MILLION, COMPARED BUDGET  
ESTIMATE \$321 MILLION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(4) CONSORTIUM OFFICIAL EXPELLED: J. M. COLLARD,  
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER OIL CONSORTIUM, REQUESTED BY GOI  
LEAVE IRAN ON 24 HOURS NOTICE BECAUSE OF OFFENSIVE  
REFERENCES IRAN IN HIS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK, "PERSIAN  
GULF, IN TWENTIETH CENTURY". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BOOK PUBLISHED LONDON UNDER PSEUDONYM JOHN MARLOWE.  
SOME PASSAGES REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED SHAH AS INEXPERIENCED AND  
LACKING IN CHARACTER; REFERRED TO HIS "INGLORIOUS" FLIGHT  
TO ROME DURING MOSSADEGH REGIME; AND STATED SHAH DOMINATED  
BY US. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

B. EXTERNAL

(1) SHAH TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN: (WEEK 28)  
(EMBTELS 52, 77) SHAH ACCEPTED INVITATION AFGHAN KING  
ZAHIR, WILL LEAVE JULY 25 FOR 5-DAY VISIT KABUL.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: IRANIAN EFFORTS MEDIATE PAK-AFGHAN DIFFERENCES PROCEEDING. FONMIN TOLD OUR AMB THAT AYUB KHAN READY REESTABLISH RELATIONS, BUT, CONTRARY TO SHAH'S CLEAR RECOLLECTION THEIR TALKS, WISHES REOPENING OF CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICES TO FOLLOW LATER AFTER AFGHANS DISPLAY GOOD BEHAVIOR. SAID AFGHANS DESIRE REOPENING CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICES WITHIN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER REESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS, AND AGREE CEASE ANTI-PAK PROPAGANDA; AFGHAN KING WOULD DISCUSS WITH SHAH NEGOTIATIONS RE PUSHTOONISTA AND OTHER MATTERS, WITHOUT MAKING DISCUSSION CONDITION FOR CARRYING OUT FOREGOING POINTS. SHAH RECOMMENDING AYUB AGREE AFGHAN PROPOSAL. (SECRET)

NO INDICATION WHETHER SHAH INTENDS ALSO DISCUSS LONG-STANDING IRAN-AFGHAN DIFFERENCES OVER USE HELMAND RIVER WATER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER IN TEHRAN:  
(WEEK 28) FONMIN ERKIN AND PARTY ARRIVED JULY 17;  
DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS CONTINUING DESPITE RESIGNATION AMINI GOVT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) AMINI RESIGNATION-FULL NEWS COVERAGE ALL PRESS, LITTLE EDITORIAL SPECULATION AS YET, ALTHOUGH PEYGAM EMRUZ BLAMED BUDGET CRISIS, LACK OF MAJLIS FOR DOWNFALL PRIMIN, CABINET. PRIOR TO RESIGNATION MOST PRESS IN FULL CRY AGAINST AMINI'S STATEMENT HE WOULD BANISH OPPOSITION TO BANDAR ABBAS; OTHER PRE-RESIGNATION COMMENT TO EFFECT HE WAS TIRING, PROBLEMS MOUNTING, OPPOSITION GROWING, END HIS GOVERNMENT NEAR.

COMMENT: PRESS SEEMED TO SENSE PRIMIN, CABINET'S RESIGNATION NEAR, CLOSED IN FOR KILL, THOUGH MORE IN SORROW HIS GOOD INTENTIONS GONE AWRY THAN IN ANGER.

(2) TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT: ARRIVAL  
TURKISH FONMIN ERKIN CAREFULLY NOTED, SOME SPECULATION HIS VISIT DESIGNED STRENGTHEN WAVERING IRANIAN INTEREST CENTO. FURTHER COMMENT FOUR OR FIVE SMALLER PAPERS ERKIN HERE DISCUSS FORMATION ISVMIC UNION OF IRAN, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN, TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN AS SUBSTITUTE FOR CENTO.

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(3) BUDGET: FARNAN, OTHER PRO-SHAH PAPERS, DECLARED MILITARY BUDGET MUST NOT BE CUT, DUE INTERNAL, EXTERNAL THREATS; MOST OTHER PRESS CLAMORED FOR FINALIZED, DEFICIT-FREE BUDGET, URGED AUSTERITY, ENFORCED TAXATION, DISMISSAL "USELESS" FOREIGN EXPERTS.

#### B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: COVERAGE IN FULL, NO COMMENT, AMINI'S RESIGNATION. EDITORIAL APPLAUSE SHAH'S VISIT KABUL, PRAISE HIS TALENTS AS MEDIATOR. REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES NEWS ITEM CHINESE NATIONALISTS DROPPING FOOD PACKAGES HUNGRY COMMUNISTS ON MAINLAND. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/FREE VOICE IRAN: BROADCASTS MONITORED CONCENTRATED SOLELY ON MOSCOW WORLD CONGRESS FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE; APPEALED TO IRANIANS TO WORK FOR THESE GOALS. BROADCAST TALK BY "IRANIAN DELEGATE" BOZORG-E ALAVI (WEEK 28) CALLING FOR IRANO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP.

USSR-BASED CLANDESTINE NVI CONTINUED USUAL CALL FOR ELECTIONS. NOTED ARSANJANI SPEECH DECLARING ABANDONMENT LAND REFORM IMPPSSIBLE DUE TO PEASANTS' VIGILANCE; CLAIMED SPEECH ALLUDES TO RECENT ROYAL COURT AND GOVT INTERFERENCE WITH LAND REFORM PROGRAM.

FVI (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL CLANDESTINE UAR-BASED RADIO END CONFIDENTIAL) CLAIMED THAT US NO LONGER HELPING GOVTS NOT SUPPORTED BY THEIR PEOPLE, REALIZING THAT PUPPET GOVTS WILL BE OVERTHROWN; SAID RECENT US ECON AGREEMENTS WITH UAR AND YUGOSLAVIA ILLUSTRATE THIS POLICY SHIFT. (UNCLASSIFIED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INSERT)

COMMENT: AS YET NO COMMENT ON CHANGE OF GOVT.

#### 3. MILITARY

- A. ARMY - NEGATIVE
- B. NAVY - NEGATIVE
- C. AIR - NEGATIVE

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JOINT WEEKA 30.

1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) NEW GOVT: (WEEK 29) (EMBTLS 94, 95, 109, AIRGRAM 46  
NEW PRINIM ASADOLLAH ALAM JULY 21 ANNOUNCED CABINET CONSISTING  
8 AMINI HOLDOVERS, 3 FORMER MINISTERS, 5 OTHERS. HOLDOVERS:  
AGRICULTURE, ARSANJANI; FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ARAM; WAR, NAQDI;  
INTERIOR, AMIR-AZIZI; LABOR, KHOSROVANI; HEALTH, RIAHI; PTT, SAMII;  
AND PLAN ORG, ASFIA OFTEN TREATED AS MINISTER THOUGH BELOW  
CABINET RANK). FORMER MINISTERS: FINANCE, ABDOL HOSSEIN BEHNIA  
(FINANCE FIRST AMINI CABINET); INDUSTRY AND MINES, TAHER ZIAI  
(IND-MINES SHARIF-AMINI CABINET); ROADS, DAVUD RAJABI (MIN ROADS  
AND MIN WITHOUT PORTFOLIO UNDER MOSADEQ). OTHERS: JUSTICE,  
GOLAM HOSSEIN KHOSHEIN (JURIST, EX-SENATOR); EDUCATION, PARVIS  
KHAKIAPI (WRITER AND PROFESSOR, EX-SENATOR); COMMERCE, GOLAM  
HOSSEIN JAHANSAHI (ALAM'S DEPUTY IN PAHLAVI FOUNDATION,  
EX-MAJLIS); MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MASROLLAH ENTEZAM  
(CAREER DIPLOMAT, EX-PRESIDENT UN GEN ASSEMBLY AND EX-AMB  
US) AND MASUD FORUQI (AN AMINI UNDERSEC, BROTHER FONOFF  
UNDERSEC FORUQI). (UNCLASSIFIED)

NEW GOVT ANNOUNCED 20-POINT PROGRAM BASED SHAH'S NOV  
1961 FARMAN TO AMINI (1961 WEEK 46). SINGLE MAJOR DEPAR-  
TURE FROM AMINI PROGRAM: MAJLIS ELECTIONS "AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE". OTHER MAIN POINTS: CONTINUATION AMINI LAND  
REFORM, ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGNS, PRO-WEST FOREIGN POLICY,  
RETENTION PROPOSED REFORMS PRIMARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.  
REMAINDER LARGELY PLATITUDES, INCLUDING BALANCED BUDGET,  
IMPLEMENTATION THIRD PLAN, DECENTRALIZED GOVT ADMINISTRATION  
PROVINCES, CITIES, ETC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: ALAM CABINET, LIKE AMINI'S, NOT IMPRESSIVE;

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DIRECTION AMINI CABINET CAME FROM AMINI, DIRECTION ALAM CABINET WILL COME FROM SHAH. RETENTION ARSANJANI, THOUGH PERHAPS ONLY TEMPORARY, INDICATES INTENTION GIVE IMPRESSION CONTINUED MOMENTUM LAND REFORM; ALL HOLDOVERS PROBABLY REPRESENT MOSTLY SHAH'S INFLUENCE. MINISTER FINANCE TECHNICALLY COMPETENT BUT NOT SYMPATHETIC PLAN ORG OR AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; MINISTER JUSTICE MAY LACK BACKBONE CONTINUE ALAMUTI'S ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

ELECTIONS NOT IMMINENT. SHAH TOLD OUR AMB, "WE SHALL TALK ABOUT ELECTIONS BUT SHALL NOT HOLD THEM UNTIL REFORMS SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED THAT A MAJLIS COULD NOT WRECK THEM". (EMBTel 98) (SECRET)

(2) BUDGET PROBLEM AND PLEA FOR US ASSISTANCE:  
PURSUANT SHAH'S JULY 21 REQUEST, AMB AND US AID DIRECTOR MET JULY 24 TO DISCUSS BUDGET WITH FON MIN ARAM, MIN FINANCE BEHNIA, AND DIRECTOR PLAN ORG ASFIA, GOT STRONG PLEA FOR US ASSISTANCE BOTH CURRENT GOVT EXPENSES AND LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT. BEHNIA SAID CASH POSITION DESPERATE, FUNDS ON HAND ONLY SUFFICIENT ONE DAY'S EXPENDITURE, \$50 MILLION IMMEDIATE AID NECESSARY GIVE HIM TIME TAKE INTENDED STEPS RAISE TAXES; AMB REMINDED BEHNIA (WHO AS MIN FINANCE YEAR AGO MADE SIMILAR PLEA) THAT IN PAST MONTHS IT MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO SHAH AND PRIMIN THERE WOULD BE NO MORE BUDGET SUPPORT THIS OR FUTURE YEARS. ASFIA PRODUCED LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT LOANS; SEEMED SURPRISED AT REMINDER THAT US LOANS POSSIBLE ONLY FOR DOLLAR COMPONENT OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. BEHNIA, OTHERS ATTEMPTED INVOLVE US IN PROPOSING METHODS SOLVE BUDGET CRISIS; AMB DECLINED. NEXT DAY ARAM TOLD AMB THAT SHAH CRITICAL THEIR. HAVING RENEWED REQUEST FOR BUDGET SUPPORT AS SHAH "KNEW THIS CLOSED MATTER". (EMBTels 96, 110, 115) (SECRET)

PRIMIN ALAM FOLLOWING JULY PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTED AS SAYING IRAN WOULD REQUEST LOANS FROM US, POSSIBLY OTHER COUNTRIES, AND/OR MIGHT SEEK MORATORIUM FOREIGN DEBT REPAYMENTS "IF SITUATION WARRANTS". PRESS ALSO SPECULATES OIL REVENUES TO BE FURTHER DIVERTED FROM DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BEHNIA SO FAR HAS NO SOLUTION BUDGET PROBLEM. INITIAL REACTION, ACCORDING PRESS QUOTES AND STATEMENT TO US AID DIRECTOR, IS THAT EXPENDITURES CUT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AND HE MUST CONCENTRATE ON POSSIBILITIES INCREASING REVENUES. EMB STILL CONSIDERS MOST LIKELY METHOD HANDLING DEFICIT WILL BE

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COMBINATION OF FOLLOWING: FURTHER PRE-EMPTION OIL REVENUES FROM PLAN ORG; SOME FINANCING FROM CENTRAL BANK; LARGE CARRY-OVER UNPAID BILLS, INCLUDING FOREIGN DEBT REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS. THERE IS EVIDENCE ALEM CONSIDERING NEGOTIATED RE-SCHEDULING FOREIGN DEBT, PARTICULARLY ON SUPPLIERS' CREDITS, RATHER THAN AD HOC DEFAULTS (SUCH AS OCCURRED UNDER AMINI). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) THIRD PLAN LAW: AMENDED DRAFT THIRD PLAN LAW REPORTED BACK TO AMINI CABINET BY SUB-COMMITTEE SHORTLY BEFORE GOVT FELL. IN ADDITION PREVIOUSLY-REPORTED DECISION SHIFT IMPLEMENTATION NEW PROJECTS TO AGENCIES (WEEKA 28), LAW ALSO WOULD LEAVE BUDGET PROCEDURE AS AT PRESENT AND PROVIDE FOR FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OUT OF FIXED ANNUAL PERCENTAGES (AS YET UNSPECIFIED) OF OIL REVENUES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

COMMENT: LAW IN PRESENT FORM SO COMPROMISES ORIGINAL INTENTION PLANNERS RE IMPLEMENTATION, FINANCING, BUDGETING THAT IT CAN ONLY BE VIEWED AS DESPERATE ATTEMPT SAVE PLAN ORG IN SOME FORM RATHER THAN PERMIT IT, AS CABINET OPPONENTS WISHED, TO BE DISSOLVED ENTIRELY. OWING FISCAL PROBLEMS, DELAYS AND COMPROMISES IN PLAN LAW, NO PROSPECT NOW FOR STARTING THIRD PLAN ON SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 1962) IN ANYTHING LIKE FORM OR MAGNITUDE DISCUSSED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. INITIAL STAGE OF PLAN ALMOST SURE TO BE GROSSLY UNDERFUNDED DUE 1341 BUDGET DEFICIT (ITEM 2). IBRD VISIT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE JULY NOW INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) QUEEN'S PREGNANCY ANNOUNCED: COURT ANNOUNCED EMPRESS FARAH EXPECTS SECOND CHILD NEXT MARCH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

**B. EXTERNAL**

(1) SHAH BEGINS AFGHAN VISIT: (WEEKA 29) SHAH DEPARTED JULY 26 WITH FONMIN ARAX FOR SCHEDULED 3-DAY OFFICIAL, 2-DAY PRIVATE VISIT AFGHANISTAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: ARAX TOLD OUR AMB THAT, FOLLOWING DISAPPOINTING HARDENING AYUB'S ATTITUDE, STRONGLY-WORDED TELEGRAM FROM SHAH BROUGHT MORE ENCOURAGING AYUB REPLY, APPARENTLY AUTHORIZING SHAH INFORM AFGHANS THAT PAKS READY DISCUSS DIRECTLY REOPENING OF CONSULATES AND TRADE OFFICES. ARAX HOPEFUL THAT PROGRESS KABUL DISCUSSIONS MAY ENABLE PERSUASION AYUB SEND EMISSARY TO DISCUSSIONS. (SECRET)

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(2) ERKIN DEPARTS; SHAH TO VISIT TURKEY: (WEEKA 29)  
TURK FONMIN ERKIN AND PARTY DEPARTED JULY 25. FONOFF  
ANNOUNCED PLANNED VISITS TO TURKEY BY SHAH IN OCTOBER, FONMIN  
ARAX IN JANUARY. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: VISIT PROBABLY ACHIEVED PURPOSE STRENGTHEN OVERALL  
IRANO-TURKISH RELATIONS. ERKIN'S PRIVATE TALKS WITH ARAX AND  
SHAH WERE GENERAL, FRIENDLY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, WITHOUT CONCRETE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS; ON WORKING LEVEL WITH FONOFF UNDERSEC FORUQI  
AGREEMENT REACHED SEVERAL MINOR MATTERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) NEW GOVT: MOST PAPERS GREETED NEW PRIMIN WITH  
RESTRAINED ENTHUSIASM, STRESSED HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP SHAH,  
URGED HIM ACT FIRMLY, EASE POVERTY AND ECONOMIC CRISIS, CONTINUE  
REFORM MEASURES. FARMAN SOUNDED LONE NOTE CRITICISM CHIDING  
ALAM FOR ALLEGED CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FORMER SUPPORT PAYLAVI  
ESTATES DISTRIBUTION AND RECENT ESPOUSAL AXINI-ARSAFJANI-STYLE  
LAND REFORM. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: PRESS APPARENTLY ADOPTING WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE,  
PERHAPS RELUCTANT STRONGLY ATTACK SHAY'S MAF. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) AXINI'S FALL: LENGTHY POST-MORTEMS ANALYZING  
FALL AXINI GOVERNMENT. URGED NEW PRIMIN AVOID AXINI'S  
ERRORS, CONTINUE GOOD WORK BEGUN SOME AREAS.  
COMMENT: PAPERS HAVING FIELD DAY EXERCISING AXINI FROM BODY  
POLITIC; TONE NOT HARSH, BUT OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED HIS DEPARTURE.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) AXINI COMPLAINT RE US ASSISTANCE: STIR CREATED  
BY AXINI PRESS QUOTES PARTIALLY BLAMING HIS FALL ON INSUFFICIENT  
US ASSISTANCE QUIETED WHEN AXINI CLAIMED HE MISQUOTED THANKED  
US FOR AID, TAXENTED THAT US UNABLE CONTINUE PREVIOUS YEAR  
SUPPORTS UNTIL BUDGET DIFFICULTIES EASED. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: TEHRAN PRESS FREQUENTLY INACCURATE PERHAPS MISQUOTED  
AXINI; BUT HIS CASUAL "CLARIFICATION", FOLLOWING STATE DEPT'S  
PROMPT REBUTTAL, STILL HINTS AND WILL CAUSE MANY BELIEVE THAT  
US ABANDONED HIM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAF: STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE FORMATION  
ALAX GOVERNMENT, NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. UNLIKE PRESS REOCCU-  
PATION LOCAL AFFAIRS, RI CONTINUED CONCENTRATE BROADCAST  
EXTRACTS FROM SOVIET PUBLICATIONS CRITICIZING SOVIET OFFICIALS,

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FACTORIES, AGRICULTURAL CARRIED SERIES "INFORMATIVE TALKS"  
SERIOUS STATE SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS QUOTED FOMMIN RED CHINA  
THAT CHINA NEVER BECOME SATELLITE USSR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NMI/FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM CLAIMED  
AXINI FELL BECAUSE US EXPLOITED AGREEMENTS AND MADE COLONY OF  
IRAN, THEN SHARPLY CUT DOLLAR "ALMS" AS AXINI HIMSELF AFTERWARD  
COMPLAINED. LAUDED AFGHAN PROGRESS DUE ACCEPTANCE AID BOTH  
USSR AND US, URGING IRANIAN OFFICIALS" END DEPENDENCE ON WEST,  
DO LIKEWISE; CITED NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE AS SAYING AMERICAN  
AID AFGHANISTAN SUFFERED BADLY BY COMPARISON SOVIET. RM QUOTED  
IN KAYHAF INTERNATIONAL STORY, "MOSCOW RADIO COURTS IRAN", AS  
HOPING NEW GOVT COULD SEEK BETTER RETATIONS USSR AND REVIVING  
OLD SOVIET OFFERS HELP DEVELOP IRANIAN RESOURCES; EMBASSY SO  
FAR HAS NOT MONITORED ANY RM COMMENT NEW GOVT. CLANDESTINE,  
USSR-BASED NVI CLAIMED MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE WHICH LANDLORD  
DOMINATED CABINET AND PRIMIN IN OFFICE CHARACTERIZED ALAX AS  
BRITISH-SERVANT SCION OF OLD BRITISH-SERVANT FAMILY, WHO PRAISES  
LAND REFORM WHILE CONTINUING HOLD FEUDAL ESTATES WHOSE AREA  
EXCEEDS ENGLAND'S. NOTED THAT ALAX'S PROMISE HOLD ELECTIONS  
INCLUDES KEY PHRASE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE", WHICH CLAIMED SHAH  
AND ALAX INTEND MAKE PRETEXT FOR FURTHER DELAY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FVI (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL CLANDESTINE, UAR-BASED RADIO  
END CONFIDENTIAL) SAID ALAX WORSE THAN AXINI, WHOSE RESIGNATION  
US FORCED BY WITHHOLDING AID IN HOPES POSTPONING "THE DAY OF  
REVOLUTION". (UNCLASSIFIED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INSERT)

**3. MILITARY**

**A. ARMY**

(1) IIA ATTITUDES TOWARD NEW GOVT: FIRST  
SAMPLING KEY OFFICERS INDICATES: HIGHER RANKS APPROVE,  
EXPECTING CLOSER SHAH CONTROL, WITH MORE "TANGIBLE BENEFITS"  
FOR THE ARMY AND THMSelves. JUNIOR OFFICERS (BELOW COLONEL)  
RESERVING.

JUDGMENT, HOPING NEW GOVERNMENT WILL INSTIGATE  
NEEDED REFORMS BOTH CIVILIAN AND ARMY SPHERES; THEY REGARDED  
AXINI GOVT AS "HONEST". (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IIA REORGANIZATION: DANGER OF OVERSTAFFING: REPORTS  
INDICATE THAT PROMOTIONS, RATHER THAN RETIREMENTS, TO BE  
EMPHASIZED IN THIS SEPT'S ANNUAL IIA LIST. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
COMMENT: OBJECTIVE OF SMALLER MORE EFFECTIVE HEADQUARTES  
ENVISAGED BY REORGANIZATION APPEARS BEING OBSTRUCTED BY IIA

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CREATION OF INCREASED, RATHER THAN DECREASED, NUMBER HIGH-  
ECHELON POSITIONS, PROVIDING UNNECESSARY VACANCIES FOR OLDER,  
INEFFECTUAL OFFICERS WHO SHOULD BE RETIRED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY- NEGATIVE

C. AIR - NEGATIVE

SGD HOLMES

ACTION: ACSI

INFO: DCSOP, OSA, OSD, AF, NAVY, STATE, CIA, NSA, DIA

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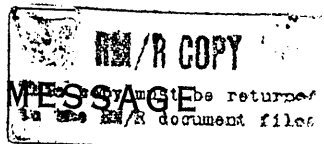
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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) BUDGET AND THIRD PLAN: (WEEK 30)  
DURING SHAH'S AFGHAN TRIP LITTLE ACTION BY ALAM GOVT ON RELATED PROBLEMS 1341 BUDGET DEFICIT AND THIRD PLAN LAW. ALAM AND MIN FINANCE BEHNIA APPROACHED CENTRAL BANK FOR UP TO 7 BILLION RIALS (\$93 MILLION) FINANCING (2 BILLION DIRECT LOANS, 5 BILLION TO UNDERWRITE BOND ISSUE), AND SAW VARIOUS MINISTERS AND AGENCY CHIEFS WHO SEEKING RESTORATION AMINI CABINET BUDGET CUTS. ALAM ALSO CONFERRED WITH MOSTAFA ELM, PLAN ORG ECONOMIST AND ECON JOURNALIST WHOSE RECENT ARTICLES RECOMMEND COMBINATION FURTHER EXPENDITURE CUTS, NEW TAXES, MORE VIGOROUS TAX COLLECTION. PRESENT MANAGEMENT CENTRAL BANK REFUSING ANY ADVANCES TO GOVT UNTIL GOVT REDUCES ADMIN BUDGET, WHICH BANK CONSIDERS LONG-TERM THREAT TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. NO FURTHER APPROACH US RE BUDGET SUPPORT; US AID REVIEWING THIRD PLAN PROJECTS PRESENTED BY PLAN ORG FOR POSSIBLE US LOANS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: TIME RUNNING SHORT. FACT BUDGET NOT PASSED MIDWAY FIFTH MONTH 1341 AMINI CABINET'S PROPOSED CUTS HARD TO IMPLEMENT AND REDUCES POTENTIAL OF ANY NEW TAX MEASURES OR COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS. DEADLOCK WITH CENTRAL BANK PLUS CURRENT LOW REVENUE RECEIPTS CAUSING GOVT REAL CASH PROBLEM IN MEETING NEXT MONTHLY PAYROLL AUG 23. FACT THIRD

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PLAN LAW NOT PASSED SIX WEEKS BEFORE PLAN DUE BEGIN HAMPERS FOREIGN FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, ESPECIALLY WITH NATIONS OTHER THAN US. DOUBTS RE FUTURE GOVT SPENDING POLICIES DELAYING NECESSARY REVIVAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) OPEC DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED: GOVT LATE AUG 2 PUBLISHED OPEC DOCUMENTS DELIVERED CONSORTIUM MEMBER COMPANIES JULY 11, COVERING RECENT OPEC RESOLUTIONS RE OIL PRICES, ROYALTIES, AND MARKETING COSTS (WEEKS 27). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRIMIN TOLD AMB JULY 31 OF PLANNED AUG 1 PUBLICATION, ASKED IF AMB AGREED THAT MATTER BETTER NEGOTIATED IN PRIVATE; AMB AGREED, AND ALAM SAID WOULD INSTRUCT NIOC NOT RELEASE DOCUMENTS (EMBTEL 135). HOWEVER, SINCE PUBLICATION ALL OPEC CAPITALS PLANNED, ALAM APPARENTLY REVERSED SELF TO AVOID AWKWARDNESS WITH OPEC PARTNERS. GOVT DID NOT PUBLISH DETAILS OF JULY 11 LETTER TO COMPANIES WHICH ACCOMPANIED DOCUMENTS, BUT LEAKED FACT THAT LETTER REQUESTED NEGOTIATIONS "SOON AS POSSIBLE". (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) IRANO-SOVIET TRACTOR DEAL: (EMB A-56)  
DEAL REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATED BY MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI CALLS FOR LIBERAL IRANO-SOV BANK FINANCING 250 SOVIET TRACTORS, WHICH IN EXCESS BARTER AGREEMENT QUOTA; TRACTORS EXPECTED SOON VIA JULFA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

COMMENT: REPS WESTERN COMPANIES PROTESTING TO GOI. RECENT RESIGNATION MIN COMMERCE-UNDERSEC ANSARI MAY BE IN PROTEST TRACTOR DEAL. LOW COST SOV OFFERS OTHER GOODS RUMORED. SOV DEALS SAID TO HAVE HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT IN ORDER STRENGTHEN BARGAINING AGAINST WEST. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

**B. EXTERNAL**

(1) SHAH'S AFGHAN VISIT: (WEEKS 30)  
SHAH AND FONMIN ARAM RETURNED AUG 1 FROM 5-DAY VISIT AFGHANISTAN. (SEE ALSO MILITARY). (UNCLASSIFIED)  
SAME DAY ARAM TOLD BRITISH AND US AMBS THAT SHAH DISAPPOINTED TO FIND AFGHANS, LED BY PRIMIN DAUD, RIGIDLY DEMANDING STATUS QUO ANTE. DESPITE KING ZAHIR'S APPARENTLY SOFTER ATTITUDE AND PREVIOUS MISLEADING REPRESENTATIONS BY AFGHAN AMB. AFGHANS FINALLY AGREED IRANIANS' SLIGHTLY MODIFIED DRAFT AFGHAN STATEMENT BUT REJECTED SHAH'S SUGGESTION THEY THEREUPON INVITE AYUB COME KABUL FOR SETTLEMENT. JULY 31 SHAH FLEW

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RAWALPINDI, FOUND AYUB COOPERATIVE BUT INSISTING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE REOPENING RELATIONS, AND REFUSING CONSIDER REOPENING TRADE OFFICES ALTHOUGH WILLING GUARANTEE DELIVERY AFGHAN GOODS FROM KARACHI TO PORDER. THAT AFTERNOON SHAH RETURNED KABUL FOR ALL-NIGHT SESSION; AFGHANS REJECTED AYUB POSITION, INSISTING ON REOPENING TRADE OFFICES, BUT ACCEPTED SHAH'S SUGGESTION THEY AND PAK SEND MISSIONS "CONFIDENTIALLY" TEHRAN FOR NEGOTIATIONS. SHAH SENT INVITATION AYUB; AWAITING AYUB'S ANSWER. (SECRET)  
DURING VISIT SHAH ALSO WARNED AFGHANS OF DANGERS SOVIET DOMINATION. HELMAND RIVER QUESTION NOT DISCUSSED AT ALL. (EMBTEL 137). (SECRET)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) BUDGET: MUCH EDITORIAL ADVICE BUDGET PROBLEM; SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED STRICTER TAX COLLECTION, ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES, REMOVAL FINANCIAL CONTROL FROM PLAN ORG, FIRING FOREIGN EXPERTS, RIGID ECONOMY IN MINISTRIES, NO MORE FOREIGN LOANS, ISSUANCE GOVT BONDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) ALAM GOVT: LITTLE COMMENT AS YET, ALTHOUGH HIS CABINET APPOINTEES GENERALLY ACCORDED MILD PRAISE AS WAS HIS RELUCTANCE MAKE SPEECHES. ERAZEN AZARBAIJAN (SMALL WEEKLY) APPLAUDED APPOINTMENT BEHNIA, MIN FINANCE AS "REJECTION GUM-CHewing, TWIST-DANCING, AMERICAN-TRAINED UPSTART". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRESS STILL RESERVING COMMENT ALAM UNTIL EXTENT SHAH'S KNOWN PROTECTION CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. ALAM TOLD AMB THAT GOVT WILL ALLOW PRESS FREEDOM AS UNDER AMINI, WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CONTROL INVOLVING MATTERS OF NATIONAL INTEREST. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) SHAH'S AFGHAN VISIT; VISIT HAILED AS SUCCESSFUL; FULSOME PRAISE SHAH'S MEDIATION PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE, GROWING IMAGE SHAH AS PEACEMAKER AND WORLD LEADER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) US ASSISTANCE POLICY: UPROAR OVER REVISION U.S. AID POLICY. ENDING BUDGET SUPPORT CONTINUES. SPARKED BY ANNOUNCEMENT \$500 MILLION LOAN PAKISTAN. MAJOR EDITORIAL

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KHANDANIHA REBUKED IRAN FOR WASTING PAST AID BUT ACCUSED US OF YEARS OF FAULTY ADVICE RESULTING IN WASTEFUL PROJECTS, STIMULATION NON-PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIE ; HIT PEPSI-COLA, TV STATION, HOT SHOPPE, OTHER AMERICAN-TYPE ENTERPRISES; CLAIMED US "10 PERCENT RESPONSIBLE" PRESENT CRISIS. THEREFORE SHOULD COMPENSATE BY INTEREST-FREE LOAN. OTHER PRESS COMMENTED SOURLY ON PAKISTAN AID AS "INSULT" IN VIEW IRAN'S LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP US. (UNCLASSIFIED)

**B. RADIO**

(1) RADIO IRAN: REPORTED IN DETAIL HELSINKI YOUTH MEETING EMPHASIZING FINNISH STUDENT'S ANTI-COMMUNIST RIOTS. FULL COVERAGE SHAH'S KABUL VISIT. PRAISE HIS INFLUENCE TOWARDS RESTORATION PEACE IN PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/FREEVOICE OF IRAN: RM STILL CAUTIOUSLY WATCHING ALAM GOVT. CONFINING CRITICISM TO PROBLEMS LEFT BY AMINI AND COMMENT TO URGING OF NEUTRALIST POLICY, FRINDSHIP WITH USSR, OUSTER FOREIGN MONOPOLISTS. ETC. MEANWHILE, USSR'S CLANDESTINE NVI FREELY LAMBASTED ALAM AND SHAH, TOUCHING ON THEIR "HYPOCRISY" RE ELECTIONS AND SHAH'S ALLEGED FAILURE TO BUDGE AFGHANS FROM NUTRALISM OR HELP PAK-AFGHAN SITUATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) NASSER'S UAR-BASED (END CONFIDENTIAL) FVI AS USUAL OUTDID NVI IN VIOLENCE OF APPROACH, AS USUAL CALLED FOR VIOLENT OVERTHROW SHAH, PRIMIN. (UNCLASSIFIED WITH CONFIDENTIAL INSERT).

**3. MILITARY**

**A. ARMY**

(1) POSSIBLE IIA PERSONNEL REDUCTION: PRESS QUOTED SHAH IN JULY 27 SPEECH TO AFGHAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS PLANNING REDUCE IIA PERSONNEL 15 PERCENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ACTION, IF TAKEN, WILL NOT REDUCE MILITARY BUDGET DUE TO EFFECTS PLANNED INCREASES IN OTHER AREAS, E.G., AIR FORCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IIA REORGANIZATION: DANGER OF OVERSTAFFING: (WEEKA 30) REPORTS INDICATE IIA, CONTRARY TO REORGANIZATION

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PLAN, INTENDS RETAIN I CORPS HQS IN ORDER PROVIDE NEW  
"TEHRAN DEFENSE COMMAND". SHAH REQUESTED STAFF STUDY BY SCS  
PERSONNEL DEPT RECOMMENDS PROMOTION TO 4-STAR RANK MINISTER  
WAR, SHAH'S ADJUTANT, CHIEF SCS, CG FIRST ARMY, CG SECOND ARMY,  
AND CG LOGISTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NEW COMMAND MAY BE DEVICE AVOID IIA'S PLANNED RETIREMENT  
OF LT GEN MAJIDI, WHO REPUTEDLY CORRUPT BUT FAVORED BY SHAH.  
STAFF STUDY CONDUCTED BY DEPUTY J-1, SCS, STATES BUDGET  
CANNOT SUPPORT 4-STAR PROMOTIONS; ARMA FEELS THEY WILL CAUSE  
OVERSTAFFING AND INEFFICIENCY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) IIA TRIES ROAD-BUILDING: PRESS ANNOUNCED IIA  
WILL CONDUCT SMALL-SCALE EXPERIMENTAL OPERATION TO BUILD  
ROADS FOR THIRD PLAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: OPERATION IN ACCORD US-RECOMMENDED ACTION BY  
MILITARY TO SUPPORT CIVILIAN ECONOMY, IMPROVE RELATIONS  
WITH CIVILIAN POPULATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) PARATROOPERS DECORATED: APPROX 12 OFFICERS  
AND NCOS 501ST PARATROOP BN RECENTLY RECEIVED POLICE MEDALS  
FOR "HELPING BREAK UP STOLEN CAR RING". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ACTUAL AWARDS REPORTEDLY FOR CRUSHING JAN 1962  
STUDENT RIOTS, WITH GOVT SEEKING AVOID PUBLIC NOTICE BY  
ALTERED CITATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR - NEGATIVE

SGD HOLMES

ACTION: ACSI

INFO : DCSOP, OSA, OSD, AF, NAVY, STATE, CIA, NSA, DIA

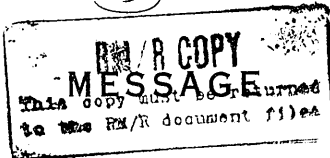
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Plan org officials fear cabinet will make damaging changes in Third Plan Law. (Emb A-58), particularly in deference Behnia's obvious intention control development as well as admin budget. (C)

Please correct page 2, lines 24-27 to read as follows:

(2) Shah's Pak-Afghan mediation (WEEKA 31) Ayub decision still awaited re Shah's message, delivered Aug 4, suggesting Pak and Afghan Missions meet Tehran for secret Iranian-assisted discussions. (EmbTel 152) (S)

NOTE: Corrections underlined.

ACTION: ACSI

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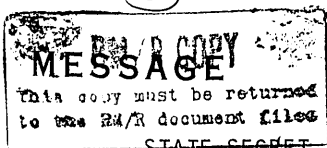
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1. Political

A. Internal

(1) Budget and Third Plan:

(WEEKA 32) (EmbTel 211 222), MinFin Behnia in Aug 16 press conf announced bare outlines final 1341 Admin Budget as fol: Gen revenues 39.2 billion rials (\$522.7 million), expenditures therefrom 41.4 billion rials (\$552.1 million); resulting deficit 2.2 billion rials (\$29.4 million). Behnia said hoped cover deficit by savings and tight management without any default foreign debt obligations or recourse Central Bank financing. Amini budget deficit reduced by fol major means: Trimming mil budget some 1.4 billion rials (\$18.7 million) below last Amini budget's 13.9 billion (\$185 million) figure; transferring from plan org's share oil revenues to admin budget 3.46 billion rials (\$46.1 million) instead of Amini budget's 2.91 billion (\$38.8 mil); and cutting NIOC share oil revenues from \$10 to \$5 mil. Series minor expenditure savings announced earlier in week, including: Stopping Crown Prince allowance; abolition High Econ Council, Imperial Inspectorate, PriMin's Inspectorate, and Housing Org; closing 5 diplomatic msns abroad.

Inconclusive high-level meeting re Third Plan Law held Aug 14; decision left until after finalization of Budget. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Emb Aug 16 obtained copy Admin Budget document; preparing analysis details and impact on development program of re-allocation oil revenue. First impression is development program not as badly underfinanced as feared, but Third Plan

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must be substantially scaled down. Behnia said be pressing for adoption more "realistic" (e.g. lower) expenditure goals Third Plan, and MinFin control development budget. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) OPEC Solutions: Consortium-GOI Discussion: (WEEKA 31) Consortium informed Emb that meetings between OPEC SecGen Rouhani and Gen Manager Iranian Oil Participants (Consortium's London Shareholding Company) being arranged to exchange views and establish procedures for later negotiations re OPEC resolutions; meeting expected during Aug, place not yet established. (Emb A-70)(CONF)

Comment: Consortium, while "always prepared discuss matters mutual interest", taking hard line with GOI re resolutions; talks likely be long and hard. GOI's insistence on early meeting doubtless due its hopes for increased oil revenues help solve current fiscal crisis. (CONF)

(3) Anti-Corruption: Election-Rigging Trial: Govt Aug 11 began trial 37 persons, including 18 minor govt employees, for Aug 1960 election-rigging (WEEKA 1960-34 et al). Charges originally brought in 1960 by candidates Mozafar Baqai (whose defeat Kerman despite popularity prime example rigging) and Ali Amini; items include multiple voting, acceptance infants' and dead persons' ballots, regimented voting by trucked-in laborers. Defendants admit elections rigged but claim they merely order-following pawns of high officials who real riggers. Prosecutor himself accused former Minister Interior (Atabaki) and Customs-Monopolies (Khatatan) but noted they enjoy ministerial immunity until Oajlis sanctions trial; said other election-riggers being investigated. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) Baqai Isfahan Meeting: Dr Mozafar Baqai convened Toilers Party Convention Aug 6-12 near Isfahan with over 200 delegates from Tehran, other cities; announced candidacy for PriMin, attacked Egbal, Sharif-Emani, and Osadeq, and warned that long, inept Alam tenure could lead to revolution. Savak banned intended public rally and speech Isfahan. (EmbTel 202 passing Isfahan Tel 24). (SECRET)

Comment: Baqai astute, brave but ruthless demagogue; one-time Mosadeq ally now opposes national front as well as govt. Arrested Sept 1960 and held Feb-Dec 1961 for violent opposition govts open election-rigging (WEEKA 1; 1961-6;

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1960-33, 37); finally acquitted, Baqai remained quiet "to give Amini chance", but resuming oppositionist activity with advant Alam Govt. (CONFIDENTIAL)

### B. External

(1) Iran-USSR: Shah's assurances re Soviet friendship campaign: (WEEKA 32) Shah volunteered to our Amb Aug 11 that US need have no concern re Soviet maneuvering in Iran; Shah wanted US clearly understand he would not go "one inch" nearer Soviet position than his Feb offer of unilateral declaration not to permit foreign missile basis Iranian territory. (EmbTel 176, Emb A-91)(See Psychological) (CONF)

(2) Shah's Pak-Afghan Mediation: (WEEKA 32) FonMin told our Amb that Shah Aug 12 instructed Embassies Karachi and Kabul to invite Paks, and then Afghans if Paks accept, have FonMins stop Tehran enroute to Sept UN Gen Assembly; FonMins would initiate discussions leaving senior officials behind to continue. (EmbTel 181)(SECRET)

Comment: Shah accepted Amb's suggestion for arrangement giving FonMins excuse for leaving Tehran without conclusion of agreement while leaving matter open for further negotiation. (EmbTel 179)(SECRET)

(3) Vice-Pres to Visit Iran: VP and Mrs Johnson to visit Tehran Aug 24 through 26 as Shah's guests. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### 2. Psychological

#### A. Press

(1) VP's visit: Limited comment as yet. Kayhan, Khandaniha, Ettela'At surmised purpose his visit explain "new" US econ policy re Iran, discuss other major topics, e.g. budget deficit, econ and mil assistance, CENTO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Iran-USSR: Sov Friendship Campaign: Smaller papers hailed relaxing tensions resulting from Aug 9 Trade Agreement, cessation Radio Moscow attacks, Sov loan offers (reported solely by German News Agency), recent appearances Sov Amb Pegov high-level official, social functions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(3) Anti-Corruption: Election-Rigging Trials: Press generally approved Alam Govt Min Justice swift action against corrupt election officials but claimed underlings, tools brought to trial while real villains at large. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) Iran-US: Misc Comments Included: Atesh's violent accusation US responsible for all coups, intrigues and riots in Far, Middle East and Latin America since World War II; Peyghame Emruz's comment Amini's resignation left Iran-US relations vague, necessitating Vice-Pres come spell out, formalize new policies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(5) Alam Govt: Muted cheers Alam's closing down 5 Iranian dipl msns abroad, ordering completion and renpvation Chalus, Shiraz and Karadj Roads, slashing \$46 million from plan org's fuhds, "acting, not merely tallying as Amini did." (UNCLASSIFIED)

(6) Budget: Crown Prince's allowance; Shah's announcement Prince Reza's allowance cut from budget hailed by pro-Shah papers as another example HIM's willingness make personal sacrifices for nation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(7) Amini: Post mortems trailing off; few parting shots at failure Amini's US friends support him in need, welcome end US "interference" through American-educated "stooges". (UNCLASSIFIED)

### B. Radio

(1) Radio Iran: Routine news coverage Vice Pres visit, no notable editorial comment. Skeletal reports Sov orbital flights, unlike earlier full coverage and editorial praise American flights. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Communist Bloc Radios: Radio Moscow's attn all monitored broadcasts this week diverted fm its Sov-Iranian friendship campaign (WEEKA 32) to current Sov space triumph. National Voice of Iran (psuedo-iranian clandestine, USSR-based) now avoiding specific mention Shah, Alam but continuing strongly attack "leaders coup regime" and urge their overthrow. Claimed narcotics smugglers (one Englishman, one American) recently convicted Tehran had accomplices among Shahs mil advisors and influential GOI authorities. Radio Peyk-E Iran

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(Tudeh Party Voice, East German-based) continues directly attack Shah, his "puppet regime", and "traitorous" policy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Bloc radios repeating modus operandi USSR's 1960-61 friendship campaign re Sharif-Emani Govt, in which RM exuded friendship while NVI did not modify attacks except discontinue specific mention Shah, PriMin. (Emb A-91) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) Free Voice of Iran (clandestine, UAR-based): Nasser-Shah radio war continues with usual FVI call for violent overthrow "cruel and traitorous" Shah, Alam. (CONFIDENTIAL)

### 3. Military

#### A. Army

(1) IA Reorganization: Shah's press interview: Shah in Aug 14 press interview publicly confirmed IIA to be reorganized in accord plans currently being considered. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although IIA reorganization into two armies and logistics admin command began some months ago (WEEKA 23 et al) this first announcement by Shah; this, plus Shah-announced 15 per cent cut IIA personnel (WEEKA 32) indicated Shah may be ready accept lower force structure, more modern command and control facilities. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### B. Navy-negative

#### C. Air Force-negative.

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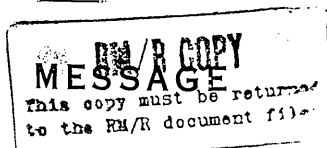
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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) THIRD PLAN, SPECIFIC PLAN ORG BUDGET NOT YET PUBLISHED BUT PROVISIONS 1341 ADMIN BUDGET, ESPECIALLY DIVERSION OIL REVENUES (WEEK 33), INDICATE PLAN ORG LIKELY GET ONLY ABOUT 16 BILLION RIALS (\$213-MILLION) THIS YEAR FROM ALL SOURCES (OIL, LOAN DRAWINGS, ETC), COMPARED 20 BILLION RIALS (\$267 MILLION) LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DEBT REPAYMENT OBLIGATIONS BEING GREATLY REDUCED, SO PROGRAM EXPENDITURES MIGHT BE ABOUT SAME AS LAST YEAR (SEE EMB A-92). THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THIRD PLAN LAW HELD AUG 22 AND FINAL ACTION FORECAST AT MEETING NEXT WEEK IN PRESENCE SHAH. IBRD BUDGET EXPERT ARRIVED AUG 19, HIGHER-LEVEL OFFICIAL EXPECTED AUG 26, TO EXAMINE PROSPECTS THIRD PLAN IN LIGHT NEW SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: FINANCIAL AVAILABILITIES DICTATE DISAPPOINTING START THIRD PLAN; HOWEVER, THEY PROBABLY AS MUCH AS COULD BE EXPENDED THIS YEAR CONSIDERING PRESENT ADMIN AND PROGRAMMING CAPABILITIES, AND MAY AFFORD SOME STIMULATION RECESSED ECONOMY. MIN FIN BEHNSIA IN PLAN LAW MEETINGS ATTACKING CONCEPTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND HIGH PRIORITY ECON DEVELOPMENT IN GOVT'S FINANCIAL PROGRAM. PRIMIN ALAM REPORTEDLY TOO UNFAMILIAR WITH ISSUE TO THROW WEIGHT EITHER WAY BUT PROponents ORIGINAL THIRD PLAN CONCEPTS (CYRUS SEMII ET AL) HOPE FOR SOME EFFECTIVE SUPPORT FROM SHAH. EARLY PASSAGE LAW ESSENTIAL AS PLAN ORG LEGAL EXISTENCE EXPIRES WITH END SECOND PLAN SEPT 22. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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(2) SHAH'S 28TH MORDAD SPEECH: SHAH SPEECH AUG 19 BROADCAST NATION-WIDE ON NINTH ANNIVERSARY OVERTHROW MOSADEQ, WHICH ALSO MARKED BY USUAL ANNUAL PARADE, FESTIVITIES. PRINCIPAL POINTS INCLUDED CONTINUATION SHAH'S NOV 1961 SIX-POINT FIRMAN TO AMINI GOVT (WEEKA 1961-46); TOP PRIORITY FOR WELFARE MEASURES, LAND REFORM; SELF RELIANCE IN DEVELOPMENT WHILE RECOGNIZING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HELPFUL; ENCOURAGEMENT FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT TAX COLLECTION; MAINTENANCE "PROPER CADRE" ARMED FORCES (SAID FORCES IRAN CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THEN SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN IN PROPORTION POPULATION, (EMBTel 232) (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TONE MORE MODERATE THAN LAST YEAR'S 28TH MORDAD SPEECH IN WHICH SHAH STRONGLY ATTACKED COMMUNISTS AND, INDIRECTLY, USSR (WEEKA 1961-34); NO MENTION OF EITHER THIS YEAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION: ELECTION-RIGGING TRIAL ENDS: (WEEKA 33) TEHRAN CRIMINAL COURT AUG 25 CONVICTED 25, ACQUITTED 12 OF 37 MEN ACCUSED 1960 ELECTION IRREGULARITIES; SENTENCES RANGED TWO MONTHS TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT. COURT DENIED DEFENSE PLEA THAT IRREGULARITIES DUE PRESSURE BY HIGHER AUTHORITIES, HOLDING THIS NO JUSTIFICATION LAW-BREAKING BY LOWER OFFICIALS. (UNCLASS)

COMMENT: OTHER ELECTION-RIGGING TRIALS REPORTEDLY PLANNED. NO HIGH OFFICIAL YET TRIED FOR ELECTION IRREGULARITIES; GEN AJ ALI KIA'S JUNE 25 CONVICTION WAS ON UNRELATED MINOR CHARGES, DUE MINJUSTICE'S APPARENT LACK JURISDICTION OVER MILITARY OFFICERS. (WEEKAS 26, 28) (CONFIDENTIAL)

### B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-US: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: (WEEKA 33) VICE PRES JOHNSON, WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARRIVED TEHRAN EARLY AFTERNOON AUG 24; AIRPORT DELEGATION INCLUDED PRINCE MAHMUD REZA, PRIMIN, FONMIN, OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS. CROWDED PROGRAM INCLUDED DINNERS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SHAH AND PRIME MINISTER; FON OFFICE AND IRAN-AMERICA SOCIETY RECEPTIONS WITH MAJOR SPEECH BY VP AT IAS; LOCAL TV APPEARANCE; AND LONG VISITS TO OUTLYING VILLAGES (WITH MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI) AND TO TEEMING SOUTH TEHRAN-BAZAA AREA DURING WHICH VP ENTERED POOR HOMES AND SHOPS AND TALKED, OFTEN AT LENGTH, WITH LOWER CLASSES. THROUGHOUT VISIT VP CONSTANTLY DISMOUNTED FROM CAR TO MINGLE FREELY WITH ROADSIDE THRONGS, WHOSE NUMBERS SELLED AS NEWS THIS UNPRECEDENTED PRACTICE SPREAD; CROWD RESPONSE WILDLY ENTHUSIASTIC. VP DEPARTED

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AFTERNOON AUG 26 AFTER AIRPORT SPEECH REEMPHASIZING US SUPPORT IRAN.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: VISIT UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS VP PUT ACROSS IMAGE OF WORLD STATES-MAN WHO HAD COME IRAN TO ASSURE GOI AND IRANIAN PEOPLE OF ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT OF US AND COMPASSIONATE CONCERN VP AND AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR LOT OF COMMON MAN IN THIS UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY. VP IMPRESSED UPON SHAH AND OTHER LEADERS US STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION USE IT IF NECESSARY; MADE CLEAR TO THEM CRITERIA US AID POLICIES AND IMPRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN NEED FOR GOOD PLANNING BY IRANIANS; FOCUSED ON ECON ASSISTANCE WHILE RECOGNIZING NEED FOR BALANCE BETWEEN ECON AND MILITARY STRENGTH, HANDLING SUBJECT SO AS PRESAGE GOOD BEGINNING AMB'S FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SHAH ON MILITARY AID AND SIZE ARMED FORCES. GOI REASSURED RE US COMMITMENT IRAN'S DEFENSE PERSONIFIED BY VP'S COMING; VISIT ALSO TIMELY IN SQUELCHING RUMORS BEGUN BY AMINI'S RESIGNATION-DAY STATEMENT TO EFFECT US SUDDENLY STOPPED AID IRAN. VP'S MAN-TO-MEN TECHNIQUES IN MEETING POPULATION PRODUCED VARIOUS REACTIONS: PRIMIN AND OTHER OFFICIALS APPEARED AT FIRST STARTLED, THEN IMPRESSED AND AWED BY PEOPLE'S ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE. TEHRAN ELITE SEEMS UNEASILY BEMUSED; LOWER CLASSES GENUINELY EXHILARATED BY ATTENTION PAID THEM BY SUCH DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

GOI WENT ALL OUT TO WELCOME VP, EXTENDING COURTESIES HERETOFORE RESERVED CHIEFS OF STATE (RESIDENCE MARBLE PALACE, PERMANENT ESCORT IMPERIAL GUARDS INSTEAD OF POLICE, HIGH-LEVEL AIRPORT DELEGATION WITH HONOR GUARD, ETC.), AND AFTERWARD (AUG 20) PRIMIN TOLD AMB OF BOTH HIS AND SHAH'S PLEASURE OVER "WONDERFUL" VISIT. (EMBTel 296) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) SHAH'S PAK-AFGHAN MEDIATION: (WEEFA 33) FONMIN TOLD OUR AMB AUG 21 THAT AYUB ACCEPTED IRANIAN INVITATION PAK FONMIN MOHAMED ALI COME TEHRAN, SUGGESTED SEPT 12 FOLLOWING REGIONAL MEETING PAK AMBASSADORS BEIRUT; AFGHAN FONMIN NAIN ALSO ACCEPTED BUT SUGGESTED AUG 30 BECAUSE COMMITTED TAKE HIS SON LONDON FOR SERIOUS OPERATION EARLY SEPT. FONMIN ARAM TRYING PERSUADE PAK FONMIN COME TEHRAN AUG 30; ALTERNATIVELY, WILL CONFER WITH TWO FONMINS NEW YORK, ARRANGE TEHRAN MEETING AFTER THEIR RETURN FROM UN GEN ASSEMBLY. (EMBTel 252) (SECRET)

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(3) IRAN-USSR: GOI ON GUARD RE SOVIET FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN: (WEEK 33) PRIMIN TOLD OUR AMB 20 THAT IRANIAN INTELL HAS DISCOVERED SOVIET DIRECTIVE TO USSR APPARATUS IN IRAN TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS PENETRATE AND INFLUENCE STUDENT AND OTHER YOUTH GROUPS, EXPLOIT NEUTRALIST TENDENCIES. (EMBTTEL 251) (SECRET)

COMMENT: DISCOVERY PUTS GOI ON GUARD AGAINST SOVIET BLANDISHMENTS. (SECRET)

(4) IRAN-IRAQ: GENERALS' VISIT POSTPONED: IRAQI GOVT INVITED LTGEN AZIZOLLAH KAMAL (J-2, XJCS) AND BRIG GEN HASSAN ALAVI-KIA (DEPCOMMANDER SAVAK) FOR AUG 20 VISIT BAGHDAD "TO SEE ARMY INSTALLATIONS", BUT AT LAST MOMENT REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT ON GROUNDS VISIT AT THIS TIME MIGHT BE "MISCONSTRUED". (SECRET)

COMMENT: INTENDED VISIT DUE PRINCIPALLY IRANIAN GOVT DESIRE SEND HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS DISPEL IRAQI SUSPICION IRANIANS AIDING BARZANI KURDS. FONMIN TOLD OUR AMB HE BELIEVES KASSEM, CONCERNED GROWING INTERNAL OPPOSITION AND FAILURE DEFEAT KURDS, DOES NOT WISH SEE IRANIAN OFFICERS WHO ALLIED WITH TURKS IN LIGHT OF IRAQI-TURKISH BORDER INCIDENTS. (EMBTELS 159, 253) (SECRET)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT : NEWS COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENT DELAYED BY 3-DAY HOLIDAY RAPIDLY GREW AS ARRIVAL DATE NEARED. UNTIL ARRIVAL, MOST PAPERS CONCERNED MAINLY WITH DEMANDS FOR MORE US AID, EXPRESSING PLAINTIVE PUZZLEMENT RE US POLICY; AFTER ARRIVAL EMPHASIS AND TONE QUICKLY CHANGED TO ATTENTION GOOD WILL NATURE VISIT, GENERAL ADMIRATION AND APPROVAL VP HIMSELF, HIS MINGLING WITH COMMON MAN, HIS "INTEREST IN SEEING HOW IRANIANS REALLY LIVE". TRIPS TO OUTLYING VILLAGES AND SOUTH TEHRAN-BAZAAR AREAS DREW AT LEAST AS MUCH PRESS ATTENTION AS FORMAL STATE FUNCTIONS. MAJOR SPEECH BY VP AT IRAN-AMERICA SOCIETY WELL REPORTED, QUOTED IN FULL SOME PAPERS. ETTELAAT, SOME OTHER PAPERS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WHETHER SUBSEQUENT US ACTIONS WILL MATCH VP'S WORDS. (EMBTTEL 287) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

COMMENT: PRE-ARRIVAL UNANIMITY OF FEELING AND COMMENT RE NEED FOR AID AND SIMILARITY OF WORDING USED BY VARIOUS PAPERS

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CASTIGATE US FOR NOT LIVING UP TO HIGH IRANIAN EXPECTATIONS, SUGGESTED INFORMAL GUIDED CAMPAIGN WHICH OVERWHELMED BY UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS VP'S GOOD WILL EFFORTS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(2) 28TH MORDAD: PRO-SHAH PAPERS CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY MOSADEQ'S OVERTHROW BY LAUDING SHAH'S WISDOM, GOODNESS, CONCERN FOR PEOPLE. KHANDENIHA URGED SHAH CAPITALIZE ON PEOPLE'S GREAT LOVE AS DEMONSTRATED NINE YEARS AGO BY IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS WHERE NATION'S TRUE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD VOTE (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ALAM GOVT: BAMSHAD, AZARBAIJAN SAW PROMISING START FOR NEW PM IN IMPROVED IRANO-SOVIET RELATIONS, SHAH'S MEDIATION AFGHAN-PAK DISPUTE, LESS RELIANCE ON WESTERN ALLIES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) IRAN-US: SERIES ARTICLES, EDITORIALS BY AZHANG, NUR- O-ZOLMAT, OTHER SMALL PAPERS CASTIGATING US "MEDDLING, BAD ADVICE LEADING TO PRESENT ECON CRISIS". (UNCLASSIFIED)

**B. RADIO-TV**

(1) RADIO IRAN: FULL NEWS COVERAGE VP VISIT, FAVORABLE COMMENT; SAID PURPOSE VISIT GOODWILL, VISIT "BOUND TO HAVE FRUITFUL RESULTS". EFFUSIVE COMMENT SHAH'S 28TH MORDAD SPEECH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) TV: PRIME EVENING TIME INTERVIEW OF VP AND FAMILY SIMSUCAST BY BOTH TEHRAN TV STATIONS. WELL HANDLED, WATCHED BY ESTIMATED 150,000--200,000 VIEWERS (MORE THAN 68,000 TV SETS IN TEHRAN). (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIO NSBC RADIO MOSCOW CONTINUED SPOTLIGHT SOVIET COSMONAUTS (WEEK 33 BUT INDICATED SOVIET-IRANIAN FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN STILL ON, INVITING IRANIANS SHARE USSR SCIENTIFIC SUCCESSES BY BREAKING IMPERIALIST TIES WHICH "HAVE HELD IRAN BEHIND PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES FOR 300 YEARS". ATTACKED VICE PRES'S VISIT, CLAIMING JOHNSON LEFT HIS "LUXURIOUS PALACE" IN VAIN ATTEMPT SAVE DIMINISHING US MIDEAST PRESTIGE, STOP IRANIAN PEOPLE'S GROWING ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS, AND STAVE OFF IMPROVED IRAN-USSR RELATIONS. NATIONAL VOICE OF IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) CONTINUES BLAST "COUP REGIME" (WITHOUT SPECIFYING SHAH AND ALAM) AND ITS "WASTEFUL" MILITARY EXPENSES, FOREIGN ADVISOR SBM IN FLAGRANTLY INACCURATE ANTI-VICE PRES BROADCAST, CLAIMED PEOPLE TEHRAN EXPRESSED THEIR BY FURY AND DISGUST AGAINST US IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AS DID PEOPLE TOKYO AND SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITALS, SO THAT "COUP REGIME" PASSED JOHNSON THROUGH "TWO WALLS"

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OF BAYONETS" FROM AIRPORT TO MARBLE PALACE. RADIO PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEH PARTY VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) CONTINUES ITS DIRECT ATTACKS, EG, "DOWN WITH TRAITOROUS RULING CLASS WITH MOHAMAD REZA SHAH PAHLAVI AT CENTER". HIT VP TRIP; URGED CROWDS SHOW HOSTILITY DURING VP'S PLANNED VISIT BAZAAR. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: IN VIEW VP'S WIDELY OBSERVED MINGLING AND POPULARITY WITH CROWDS, NVI (WHOSE FACTS OFTEN ACCURATE AND TIMELY ALBEIT MOLDED TO FIT DESIRED INTERPRETATION) CAUGHT IN EMBARRASSING EXAMPLE FALSE REPORTING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(4) FREE VOICE OF IRAN: (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) CONTINUES DEMAND VIOLENT OVERTHROW SHAH AND PRIMIN ALAM. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL)

### 3. MILITARY

#### A. ARMY

(1) NEW MILITARY ATTACHES: TURKISH: COL HAKKI AKGUN ARRIVED TEHRAN AUG 18 TO REPLACE COL MAZHAR UZER.

IRAQI: COL MAHMUD AL-JANABI ARRIVED AUG 15 REPLACE COL HASSAN ABDULATEEF. BOTH UZER AND ABDULATEEF SCHEDULED DEPART AUG 24. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) NASIRI PROMOTED: MAJ GEN NEMATOLLAH NASIRI, CHIEF NATIONAL POLICE, PROMOTED LT GEN ON 28TH MORDAD. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SPECIAL PROMOTION HONORED NASIRI'S PART IN 1953 OVERTHROW MOSADEQ AND RESTORATION SHAH; AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE DELIVERED SHAH'S DECREE DISMISSING MOSADEQ, FOR WHICH MOSADEQ ARRESTED HIM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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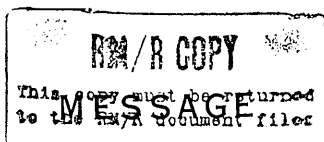
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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) THIRD PLAN: DISCUSSIONS STILL STALLED: (WEEKA 34)  
SEVERAL MORE HIGH-LEVEL GOVT MEETINGS ON THIRD PLAN LAW DURING  
WEEK, BUT STILL NO RESOLUTION ON DEEP CONFLICT MIN FINANCE  
BEHNIA VS PLANNERS RE FINANCIAL SCOPE, COMPREHENSIVENESS THIRD  
PLAN. SHAH REPORTEDLY SET DEADLINE SEPT 10 WHEN, FAILING  
RESOLUTION BY PRIMIN ALAM, SHAH WILL HEAR OPPOSING ARGUMENTS,  
DECIDE ISSUE. TWO IRBD REPS HERE GATHERING BUDGET INFO,  
PLANNING STAY THROUGH FIRST WEEK SEPT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: DECISION POSSIBLE BY SEPT 11, WHEN BEHNIA REPORTEDLY  
LEAVING FOR IRBD-IMF MEETINGS WASHINGTON. PLANNERS HOPE FOR  
SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM SHAH, BUT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPEARS  
FACE REDUCED FINANCIAL SCOPE, CONTINUED SEPARATION BETWEEN  
PLAN ORG AND MINISTRIES (EMB A-108). EARLY PASSAGE LAW REQUIRED  
FOR PLAN ORG BE ASSURED CONTINUED EXISTENCE AFTER END SECOND  
PLAN SEPT 22, GET ROLLING NEW INVESTMENT PROJECTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) ANTI-CORRUPTION: NEW MILITARY TRIAL, OTHER ACTION:  
(SEE ALSO MILITARY) MILITARY TRIBUNAL AUG 27 BEGAN TRIAL RE  
MAJ GEN MOHAMED ALI KHAZAI AND SIX OTHER FORMER OFFICIALS  
ORDNANCE DEPOT ACCUSED EMBEZZLING \$60,000 EQUIV; KHAZAI WA  
ARRESTED MID-APRIL, ALONG WITH MAJ GEN MOHAMED DAFTARI (WEEKA 16)  
WHOSE CASE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

AUG 29 PRESS REPORTED RETIREMENT 4-STAR GEN ABDOLLAH HEDAYAT  
(FORMER CHIEF SCS) TO BE SUMMONED FOR INQUIRY BY MIL PROSECUTOR-  
GEN, WHOSE OFFICE QUOTED AS SAYING WILL PROCEED HIS CASE "WITH-  
OUT FEAR OR FAVOR". PREED ALSO REPORTED MANY FORMER HIGH OFFICERS

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MUNITIONS DEPT SOON TO BE TRIED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS HEDAYAT CASE MAY INVOLVE SOME 35 INDIVIDUALS AND CONCERNS IN CORRUPTION RE CONSTRUCTION NEW SCS AND GEOGRAPHIC DEPT HQS AND GENERAL CONDUCT ARMAMENTS DEPT. RELIABLE SOURCE ALSO REPORTS MAJ GEN EBRAHIM MONSHI REMOVED BY CHIEF, SCS GEN HEJAZI AS CHIEF PERSONNEL DEPT AND MAY BE TRIED FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES RE PERSONNEL ACTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRESS REPORTED ASPHALT ROAD CONTRACTOR RAHIM ALI KHORRAM, WANTED SINCE EARLY MAY ON CHARGE GOVT CONTRACT FRAUD (WEEKA 19), RETURNED FROM EUR AUG 26, ARRESTED AUG 29. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SHAH IN AUG 26 SPEECH MILITARY COLLEGE SAID CORRUPT OFFICERS TO BE PROSECUTED REGARDLESS OF RANK; AND IF PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY CONTINUED WILL GREATLY RAISE THE MORALE AND EFFICIENCY AS WELL AS SHAH'S STOCK WITH GENERALLY DISGRUNTLED JUNIOR OFFICERS. HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM WHETHER HEDAYAT EVER TO BE TRIED; HIS TRIAL AND CONVICTION WOULD BE CONVINCING SIGN SHAH MEAN BUSINESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) LAND REFORM: COURT ACTION AGAINST LANDLORD: PRESS REPORTED AUG 29 THAT GOVT, BY COURT ORDER, TOOK OVER FOR DISTRIBUTION 15 VILLAGES BELONGING JAMSHID ESFANDIARI, BIG MARAGHEH LANDLORD WHO ATTEMPTED ILLEGALLY EVADE LAND REFORM LAW; PROPERTY DOCUMENTS WERE SEIZED MID-MAY BY ORDER MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI (WEEKA 20). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS FIRST KNOWN GOI USE COURT ORDER IMPLEMENT LAND REFORM LAW AGAINST RECALCITRANT LANDOWNER (WEEKA 25). REPORTERS QUOTE PRIMIN TO EFFECT "GOVT WILL IMPLEMENT LAND REFORM WITH GREATER SEVERITY AND ON WIDE SCALE" BUT STILL TOO EARLY TELL TOGETHER ALAM GOVT WHOLLY COMMITTED VIGOROUS PROSECUTION LAND REFORM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

(4) GOI AGAIN REQUESTS OIL ADVANCE: MIN FINANCE THIS WEEK ASKED OIL CONSORTIUM ADVANCE \$14 MILLION EQUIV ON OCTOBER 15 OIL PAYMENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

COMMENT: SIMILAR ADVANCE MADE EVERY QUARTER SINCE EARLY 1960. ATTITUDE MEMBER COMPANIES RE ADVANCES STIFFENING; ESSO DECLINED CONTRIBUTE ITS PART OF ADVANCE REQUESTED LAST JUNE (WEEKA 29). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

(5) ECAFE PETROLEUM SYMPOSIUM: (EMB A-103) SECOND ECAFE PETROLEUM SYMPOSIUM (SEPT 1-15, TEHRAN) TO BE OPENED

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BY PRIMIN. FIFTEEN-MAN US DELEGATION HEADED BY ASST SEC  
INTERIOR JOHN KELLY. IRANIANS LED BY ALI MANSOUR. USSR  
PLANS PARTICIPATE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SYMPOSIUM PREDOMINANTLY TECHNICAL THOUGH ITEM ON  
ECONOMICS OIL INDUSTRY COULD BE SEIZED UPON FOR CRITICISM  
INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES BY USSR OR OTHER COUNTRIES WITH  
STATIST APPROACH. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(6) NATION FRONT LEADERS, STUDENTS RELEASED: CAS  
REPORTS GOVT AUG 16 RELEASED REMAINING NF LEADERS (EG, KARIM  
SANJABI, SHAPUR BAKHTIAR, MOHAMAD ALI KHONJI) AND STUDENTS  
HELD SINCE JAN DEMONSTRATIONS (WEEK 4); OTHER STUDENTS AND  
RIGHTISTS FORUD, RASHIDIAN WERE RELEASED JUNE 6 (WEEK 23).  
(CONFIDENTIAL)

### B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-USSR: SOUR NOTES IN FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN:  
(WEEK 34) SOVIET AMB PEGOV STAYED AWAY AFTER ACCEPTING  
INVITATION PRIMIN'S AUG 25 DINNER FOR VP JOHNSON, FOLLOWING  
PRIMIN'S REPORTED INSTRUCTIONS GOI OFFICIALS AVOID ILL-TIMED  
PEGOV RECEPTION CELEBRATING COSMONAUTS DURING VP VISIT.  
PEGOV THIS WEEK TOLD PRESS HE HAD REQUESTED AUDIENCE  
WITH SHAH, "EXPECTS IT BE GRANTED SOON." MEANWHILE, RADIO  
MOSCOW MADE SOMEWHAT DEROGATORY MENTION SHAH AND NATIONAL  
VOICE IRAN DIRECTLY CRITICIZED SHAH, EACH FOR FIRST TIME IN  
MANY WEEKS (SEE PSYCHOLOGICAL). NEGOTIATIONS STILL PROCEEDING  
RE PAYMENTS AGREEMENT (WEEK 32) BUT SOVIETS REPORTEDLY DRAGGING  
FEET. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: USSR MAY BE LOSING SOME ENTHUSIASM FOR ITS FRIENDSHIP  
CAMPAIGN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) VICE PRES VISIT: VP VISIT DOMINATED AUG 23-26 NEWS  
AND COMMENT ALL PAPERS. FOL SOME POST-VISIT PRAISE VP AND HIS  
TALKS WITH ORDINARY CITIZENS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) IRAN-USSR: PEIQAM EMRUZ NOTED IRANO-SOVIET PAYMENTS  
AGREEMENT TALKS (WEEK 32) CONTINUING, PROBABLE AUDIENCE SOV  
AMB PEGOV WITH SHAH, PROSPECT OF BETTER RELATIONS AND INCREASED  
TRADE. FARMAN OBSERVED SOV EMBASSY RECEPTION SCHEDULED SAME

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TIME JOHNSON SPEECH IRAN-AMERICA SOCIETY, RESULTING CRITICISM SOVIETS BY SOME PERSIANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) IRAN-US: IN WAKE VP VISIT AND FAVORABLE PRESS REACTION (INCLUDING GENERAL MORATORIUM CRITICISM US POLICIES), SMALL PAPERS ASARBAIJAN, NUR-O-ZOLMAT, ATESH, SEDAYE MARDOM REVIEWED HISTORY OF RELATIONS CITING "GOLDEN ERA" OF BASKERVILLE, DR JORDAN IN CONTRAST PRESENT "USEFUL" STATE DUE WELL-MEANING MISUSE, MISAPPLICATION US AID AND US INTERNAL MEDDLING IRAN; URGED US TAKE HARD, HONEST LOOK AT MISTAKES, RESOLVE CORRECT THEM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: FULL COVERAGE VP VISIT; LAUDATORY COMMENTS VP PERSONALLY, REPEATED EXPRESSIONS HOPE BETTER RELATIONS, RESTORATION ECONOMIC, MILITARY AID. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: CONCENTRATED ON ATTACKING VP JOHNSON VISIT, CLAIMED GREATER IMPERIALIST DOMINATION AND ADDITIONAL BACK-BREAKING EXPENSES FOREIGN EXPERTS (EG, PEACE CORPSMEN) WOULD RESULT. RADIO MOSCOW SAID SHAH IN PRESS INTERVIEW BEFORE VP'S ARRIVAL HOPED US WOULD GENEROUSLY AID IRAN, BUT DESPITE VP'S LUXURIOUS RECEPTION "RULING CLASS" OBTAINED ONLY PROMISE "STUDY" IRANIAN LOAN REQUEST FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT. CLAIMED ACTUAL PURPOSE VISIT NOT GOODWILL BUT DRAGGING IRAN INTO NEW US MIDEAST CONSPIRACIES AS SHOWN BY VP'S ACCOMPANYING ADVISERS WHO EXPERIENCED IN CONSPIRACY. NATIONAL VOICE OF IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) SAID VP NAME EXPLAIN US POLICY CONTINUING MILITARIZATION TO SHAH AND HIS "COUP REGIME", WHO THEMSELVES HAVE NO DESIRE CUT ARMED FORCES. CLAIMED PEOPLE LAUGH WHEN VP "BABBLER" ABOUT FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE SINCE EVERYONE KNOWS US CONTROLS "COUP REGIME", EG, GOVT BUDGET PREPARED BY US EMBASSY REPS, ELECTIONS NOT HELD BECAUSE WHITE HOUSE DEEMS THEM UNNECESSARY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BRIEF MENTION SHAH IN UNFAVORABLE CONTEXT BY RM AND NVI, FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY WEEKS, MAY INDICATE SOVIETS SLOWING THEIR FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN. (SEE POLITICAL) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) FREE VOICE OF IRAN: (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) SAID LIAR-SHEH TRIED SHOW SELF TO VP AS BENEVOLENT REFORMER WITH MUCH SILLY TALK, WHILE ALL WORLD KNOWS SHAH AND CIRCLE ARE TRAITORS; URGED CONTINUATION "HOLY WAR" SAVE COUNTRY FROM THEM. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL)

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#### 3. MILITARY

##### A. ARMY

(1) NEW RULE FACILITATES ANTI-CORRUPTION TRIALS:  
(SEE POLITICAL) SCS AUG 2 REPORTEDLY CIRCULARIZED NEW RULE  
PERMITTING RETIRED OFFICERS BE TRIED BY OFFICERS LOWER RANK.  
BRIG GEN AKBAR NASSER PRESIDING MILITARY TRIBUNAL TRYING MAJ  
GEN KHAZAI. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NEW RULE MAY CAUSE FUTURE DIFFICULTY SINCE OLD  
REGULATION REQUIRING TRIAL BY EQUAL OR SUPERIOR OFFICER WAS  
MAJLIS-APPROVED LAW; HOWEVER, NEW RULE NEEDED AS FEW QUALIFIED  
OFFICERS AVAILABLE TDY AND PROSPECTIVE TOP-GRADE  
DEFENDANTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) NEW CHIEF SCS PERSONNEL: (SEE POLITICAL)  
RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS MAJ GEN SEIFOLLAH ZARQAMI APPOINTED  
REPLACE MAJ GEN EBRAHIM MONSHI WHO WAS "RETIRED" THIS WEEK BY  
GEN HEJAZI FOR CORRUPTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) A. REORGANIZATION: ESTABLISHMENT GUARDS DIVISION:  
ORDER ISSUED AUG 23 ESTABLISHING 1ST INF IMPERIAL GUARDS DIVISION  
WITHIN 90 DAYS. NEW DIV WILL COMPRISE PRESENT IMPERIAL GUARDS  
REGT WITH 211TH TANK AND 112TH A/C BNS ATTACHED, AND 1ST, 2ND  
BRIGADES; PRESENT COMMANDER GUARDS REGT BRIG GEN GHOLAM OVEISI  
WILL COMMAND DIV, WHICH DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE SCS (UNDER LOGISTICS/  
ADMIN COMMAND FOR LOGS, ADMIN ONLY). DIV HQS TO BE ESTABLISHED  
FROM PRESENT I CORPS HQS, WHICH WILL CEASE EXIST WITHIN 45 DAYS.  
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COMMENT: REORGANIZATION PROCEEDING SLOWLY BUT WITHIN PLAN FRAME-  
WORK; DEMISE I CORPS HQS APPEARS END IDEA "TEHRAN DEFENSE COMMAND"  
WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO PLAN. (WEEKA 31) (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) EARTHQUAKE: RELIEF EFFORTS: (WEEK 36) USAID FIELD SURVEYS SEPT 6-10 CONFIRM SEPT 1 EARTHQUAKE KILLED MINIMUM 10-15 THOUSAND AND RUINED 150 VILLAGES LEAVING 70-100 THOUSAND HOMELESS SURVIVORS; YEAR'S GRAIN HARVEST COMPLETED AND BURIED IN DAMAGED HOUSES, PROBABLY 60 PER CENT LIVESTOCK LOST. DESPITE LACK ADEQUATE IRANIAN ORGANIZATIONS OR CLEAR LINES AUTHORITY-RESPONSIBILITY, DISTRIBUTION BLANKETS, FOOD, EMERGENCY SHELTER (MOSTLY THROUGH CARE AND RED LION SUN SOCIETY) WELL ALONG FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS STILL POURING IN, INCLUDING RELATIVELY TARDY AND MEAGRE (35,000 RUBLES WORTH) USSR BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. PARAMOUNT PROBLEM NOW SHIFTING TO PROVISION WINTER SHELTER (COLD ALREADY PRONOUNCED NIGHTS, WILL BE INTENSE WITHIN 60 DAYS); US, BRITISH, SEVERAL IRANIAN PROJECTS BEING URGENTLY CONSIDERED. (EMBT 402 ET AL) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(2) PRIMIN TOURS AZERBAIJAN AND KURDESTAN SEPT 7-14: PRIMIN ALAM WITH MINS INTERIOR, COMMERCE, ROADS AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS TOURED AZERBAIJAN AND KURDESTAN, SPEAKING TO TOWNSPEOPLE AND TRIBESMEN AT TABRIZ, REZAIYEH, MAHABAD, SANADAJ, KERMANSNAH PLUS MANY STOPS IN BETWEEN. DURING TOUR PRESS REPORTERS CONSTANT STREAM ALAM DIRECTIVES ORDERING TEHRAN OFFICIALS ACT RE LOCAL COMPLAINTS; ALSO ALAM PRAISE FOR ARSANJANI, LAND REFORM AND KURDS ("ORIGINAL IRANIAN RACE"). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TOUR REFLECTS SHAH'S NEW POLICY FORESTALL IRAQI-TYPE TROUBLE WITH IRANIAN KURDS BY IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS.

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PLANNED MEASURES INCLUDE EARLY INSTALLATION NEW TYPE PROVINCIAL GOVT (CIVILIAN ADMIN REPLACING MIL, WITH STRONG GOV GEN ASSISTED BY "PROVINCIAL CABINET" OF SENIOR RES VARIOUS MINISTRIES); LAND REFORM; AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (ROADS, ELM SCHOOLS, CLINICS). SHAH PLANS VISIT AREA SOON. (EMBTLS 165, 169, 178 ET AL) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) LAND REFORM: MINISTER AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI IN FIERY SEPT 8 STATEMENT ATTACKED DISASTER-AREA LANDLORDS WHO DECLINED HELP THEIR VILLAGERS, PROMISED EXTEND LAND REFORM THOSE AREA SO LANDLORDS NOT ENRICHED BY GOVT RECONSTRUCTION VILLAGES. SAME DAY ARSANJANI REPORTEDLY HAD MILD HEART ATTACK, BUT STAYED IN BED ONLY TWO DAYS. SEPT 10 PROCLAIMED APPLICATION LAW NORTHERN AZERBAIJAN AREAS AHAR, ADEBIL, AZARSHAHR, AND MARAND, WITH LANDLORDS REQUIRED DECLARE HOLDINGS WITHIN 40 DAYS. PRESS REPORTED GOVT CONFISCATED FOR DISTRIBUTION 9 GILAN VILLAGES BELONGING 3 BROTHERS FORMER PRIMIN AMINI, AFTER THEY FAILED DECLARE HOLDINGS; ALSO REPORTED FIRST LAND FARS PROVINCE VOLUNTEERED BY LANDLORD FOR DISTRIBUTION.

PRIMIN ALAM PRAISED ARSANJANI, LAND REFORM DURING TOUR NW IRAN (SEE ABOVE); SEPT 9 VISITED MARAGHEH PILOT PROJECT, RECALLED THAT CROWN LANDS DISTR PROGRAM (BEGUN 15 YEARS AGO) COMPLETED DESPITE POLITICIANS OPPOSITION, IMPLIED INTENTION LIKEWISE COMPLETE CURRENT PROGRAM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRIMIN TALKING UP LAND REFORM BUT ARSANJANI STILL ONLY MEMBER CABINET REALLY PUSHING PROGRAM; ARSANJANI'S HEALTH APPEARS IMPORTANT FACTOR PROGRAM'S CONTINUED MOMENTUM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(4) I-IMF-IBRD MEETINGS; MINFINANCE HEADS IRAN DEL: MINFINANCE BEHNIA DEPARTED SEPT 11 TO HEAD IRAN DEL ANNUAL IMF-IBRD MEETINGS WASHINGTON (BEGIN SEP 17), ACCOMPANIED BY CENTRAL BANK GOV PUR-HOMYUN; DEL INCLUDES 2 OTHER MEMBERS, 3 ADVISERS. BEHNIA PLANS 3-WEEK STAY US. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SEPT 1 BEHNIA DUE MEET PRESIDENT IBRD TO DISCUSS THIRD PLAN AND REQUEST IBRD SPONSORSHIP INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO PROVIDE FOREIGN FINANCING; PROSPECTS LATTER NOT BRIGHT. (WEEKA 36) (CONFIDENTIAL)

### B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-USSR: GOI NOTE RE FOREIGN MISSILE BASES: SEPT 15 FONMIN ARA HANDED SOVIET AMB PE<sup>30V</sup> THIRD PERSON NOTE CONTAINING UNILATERAL DECLARATION THAT PURSUANT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION GOI. IN ORDER DECLARE ITS GOODWILL AND STRENGTHEN

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FRIENDSHIP TWO COUNTRIES, WISHES BY THIS NOTE ASSURE USSR THAT GOI WILL GIVE NO FOREIGN GOVT RIGHT TO ESTABLISH ANY KIND MISSILE BASES IRAN. PEGOV IN REPLY HANDED ARAM NOTE TAKING COGNIZANCE WITH SATISFACTION FONOFF NOTE. (EMTEL 411) (UNCLASS) COMMENT: NOTE FOLLOWS LINES STATEMENT SHAH OFFERED PEGOV JAN 20 (FOLLOWING YEAR-AND-HALF PROTRACTED SHAH-KHRUSHCHEV CORRESPONDENCE RE USSR'S DEMAND FOR FORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT), WHICH SOVIETS THEN INDICATED INADEQUATE (WEEKAS 4, 6, 7, 12). SEPT 12 PEGOV TOLD SHAH SOVIETS NOW PREPARED ACCEPT UNILATERAL DECLARATION. AFTER CONSULTATION ARAM WTH US AND UK AMBS, GOI REJECTED ADDITIONAL PHRASEOLOGY DESIRED BY SOVIETS AND DELAYED PRESENTATION UNTIL SEPT 15 TO ALLOW TIME ADVISE CEN TO PARTNERS. REASON FOR SOVIET MOVE THIS TIME NOT CLEAR, BUT PROBABLY PART OF CURRENT FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN PLUS DESIRE OFFSET THEIR MEAGRE AND TARDY EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ASSISTANCE. (EMBTTEL 394 ET AL) IRAN FOR ITS PART EXPECTS CESSATION UNFRIENDLY PROPAGANDA AMONG OTHER THINGS (WEEKA 4). (SECRET)

(2) IRAN-UN: FONMIN LEADS IRANDEL TO UNGA: FONMIN ARAM DEPARTING SEPT 16 TO HEAD IRANDEL 17TH UNGA NEW YORK. PERMANENT REP AGAIN DR MEHDI VAKIL; DEL INCLUDES AMBS TO YUGOSLAVIA AND CANADA, FONOFF CHIEFS INTERNATIONAL ORGS AND ECON AFFAIRS DIVS, AND CONSELOR EMB LONDON. (EMBTTEL 380) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COMMENT: IRANDEL SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR DUE GOVT'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) IRAN-US: FIRST PEACE CORPSMEN ARRIVE: FIRST GROUP 39 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS (INCLUDING 6 WOMEN) ARRIVED TEHRAN SEPT 9; AFTER ONE MONTH ORIENTATION WILL TEACH ENGLISH AND AGRICULTURE FOR 2 YEARS AT PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES, AGR COLLEGES. AND 33 AGR TECHTRAINING CENTERS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) EARTHQUAKE: STORY NO LONGER DOMINATES AS OTHER MATTERS BEGIN SHARE ATTENTION. EDITORIAL PAROXYSM JOY RE UNPRECEDENTED CARAVAN ORDINARY CITIZENS' RELIEF EFFORTS; PRESS SURMISED DISTRUST GOVT, RE LION AND SUN SOCIETY INHERITED FORMER CORRUPT REGIMES, MISAPPROPRIATIONS FOLLOWING QUAKE GIRON, LAR VALLEY. CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION QUAKE-PROOF HOUSES, RE-FURNISHING DESTROYED PLANTS; PLEADED FOR COORDINATED MASTER PLAN RESHAPE VILLAGE STRUCTURE UNCHANGED SINCE CYRUS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(2) US EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AID GENEROUS PRAISE, SUBSTANTIAL NEWS COVERAGE CONTINUING, MASSIVE US HELP. EARLIER HARPING US AID FLOWING CORRUPT HANDS FADING. HELICOPTER MERCY FLIGHTS, WORK 8TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL, CARE, OUR AMB'S PERSONAL SUPERVISION RELIEF MONIES GOODS, ALL RECEIVED STRONG NEWS, EDITORIAL, PICTORIAL COVERAGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) US AFR TV HOAX; (WEEK 36) INITIAL FOMENT, ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY ANGRY PRESS COMMENT GIVING WAY MORE THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS HUMANITARIAN ALBEIT NAIVE MOTIVES ANNOUNCER, SPECULATION &&&. SOME SMALL PAPERS (AZHANG, SEDAYE MARDOM, MAHRE IRAN, ATESH) STILL ADAMANTLY BLAMING US, URGING SUSPENSION AFRTV. MAJORITY PRESS REMINDING READERS US QUAKE AID TRUE GAUGE AMERICAN MOTIVES, FEELINGS TOWARDS IRAN, URGING THEM BURY RESENTMENT, BE GRATEFUL NOT ANGRY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: KHANDANIHA (WIDELY-READ TWICE-WEEKLY MAGAZINE) INITIALLY SHRILL AND ABUSIVE, REVERSED ITSELF TO PRAISE OUR AID AND GOOD WILL AFRTV; CHANGE FOLLOWED PHONE CALL BY PRIMIN IN RESPONSE AMB'S SEPT 7 SUGGESTION THAT PRESS HYSTERIA OVER HOAX HARMFUL OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVES. (EMBTEL 364). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) CUBA: PRESS BEGINNING GET SOMEWHAT JITTERY WORSENING CUBA SITUATION. DEPLORED AMERICAN PRESS, CONGRESSMEN AGITATING INVASION; URGED US OFFICIALS RESIST STAMPEDE TACTICS AND REMAIN COOL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(5) THIRD PLAN: FINAL APPROVAL LAW SUBJECTED DELUGE PRESS ADVICE, CRITICISM. ATESH ET AL, URGED DISMISSAL FOREIGN EXPERTS, SPEEDUP IRANIZATION TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT PROJECTS, MINIMUM FOREIGN LOANS KAYHAN. REFLECTING OPINION MORE RESPONSIBLE PRESS, WARNED 25 PER CENT CUT ORIGINAL PLAN PUBLIC INVESTMENT NOT CONSISTENT WITH RETENTION ORIGINALLY-PREDICTED 6 PER CENT GROWTH RATE, URGED PLANNERS PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY, AVOID DREAMLIKE PREDICTIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(6) ARRIVAL PEACE CORPSMEN: MODERATE NEWS COVERAGE, FEATURE STORIES; FRIENDLY, NO-COMMITTAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### E. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: CONTINUING COVERAGE QUAKE, EMPHASIS SHAH'S ROLE REHABILITATION VILLAGES. SOLID NEWS REPORTING QUANTITIES, TYPE FOREIGN AID TO QUAKE VICTIMS WITH SUBSTANTIAL

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COVERAGE &&& U.S. ASSISTANCE (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RE NEWLY ARRIVED PEACE CORPSMEN, RADIO MOSCOW SAID THESE "CIA-TRAINED GUERRILLA-FIGHTERS, RIOT-QUELLERS AND SPIES" MUST EXPECT NO LOVE OR COOPERATION FROM IRANIANS; NATIONAL VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) ECHOED SAME TERM, ADDING CORPSMEN ALL AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS BECAUSE IMPERIALISTS WANT IRAN NOT BECOME PROSPEROUS INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY; CALLED IT TREASON EMPLOY FOREIGNER-CORPSMEN WHILE THOUSANDS EDUCATED IRANIAN YOUTHS ROAM STREETS JOBLESS.

RE AFRTVHOAX (WEEKA 36), RM SAID PEOPLE REJECT EMBASSY'S ATTEMPT BLAME LOWLY SERGEANT; NI SAID OPERATION AFRTV CONTRARY IRAN'S SOVEREIGNTY, DEMANDED STATION BE "EXPROPRIATED AND GIVEN TO UNIV TEHRAN.

OTHER TOPICS: RM EMPHASIZE USSR SUPPORT IRAN AGAINST US "AGRESSION". NI DERIDED GOIS CONFUSED DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS; CLAIMED US MILITARY "RELIEF" MISSION ACTUALLY SEIZING OPPORTUNITY FOR DISGUISED MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, MUST BE OUSTED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) FREE VOICE IRAN: (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) SAID REVOLUTION RUMORS WIDESPREAD, WERE DISCUSSED ON AFRTV "US OCCUPATION FORCE" STATION; CLAIMED UPRISING ALREADY BEGUN WESTERN AZERBAIJAN WITH AID SOME TROOPS, CAUSING SHAH SEND ALAM ATTEMPT DISSUADE DISSIDENTS. SAID SHAH WELCOMED EARTHQUAKE AS CHANCE STEAL FOREIGNERS RELIEF MONEY; CLAIMED SHAH'S ARRIVAL DISASTER AREA MET HOSTILE DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTING "GREAT THIEF, GET LOST". (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASSIFIED)

**3. MILITARY**  
**A. ARMY**

(1) EARTHQUAKE: CHIEF, SCS TO AREA: (WEEKA 36) PRESS REPORTED SEPT 12 GEN HEJAZI AT QASVIN TO CONSULT MINISTER HEALTH DR RIAHI (IN CHARGE GOI RELIEF EFFORTS) AND SUPERVISE ARMY PERSONNEL IN AREA. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: SHAH PERSONALLY ORDERED HEJAZI RETURN AREA, SUPERVISE IIA OPS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) IIA PROMOTIONS: RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS 4 PROMOTIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED SEPT 20 TO MAJOR GENERAL: GHOLAM OVEISI CG, 1ST INF (IMP GUARDS DIV), FATHOLLAH MINBASIAN (COMMANDANT, MIL UNIVERSITY), HASAN TUFANIAN J-3, SCS), AND MANSUR AFKHAM-EBRAHIMI (CH, J-3 PACTS DEPT, SCS (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE  
C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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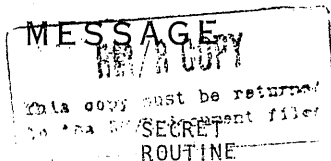
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After one month orientation will teach English and  
Agriculture for 2 years at provincial universities, AGR col-  
leges, and 13 AGR tech training centers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Correct page 3 lines 34-37 to read as follows:

Press surmised distrust govt Red Lion and Sun Society  
inherited former corrupt regimes, misappropriations following  
quakes Gorgon, Lar Valley.

Correct page 4 lines 7-10 to read as follows:

(3) US AFR TV hoax: (Weeks 36) Initial violent, almost  
unanimously angry press comment giving way more thoughtful  
analysis humanitarian albeit naive motives announcer, specu-  
lation re identity hoaxers.

Correct page 4 lines 36-37 through page 5 line 1 to  
read as follows:

Solid news reporting quantities, type foreign aid to  
quake victims with substantial coverage overwhelming U.S.  
assistance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Correct page 5 lines 12-14 to read as follows:

NVI said operation AFR TV contrary Iran's sovereignty,  
demanded station be "expropriated" and given to Univ Tehran.

Correct page 5 lines 16-17 to read as follows:

NVI derided G01's confused disaster relief efforts.

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1. Political:

A. Internal.

(1) Earthquake: Relief and reconstruction: (WEEKA  
37) field survey for G01 earthquake-housing coordinator  
(former PriMin Sharif-Emami, appointed Sept 13) concludes  
minimum homeless 15,500 families (70,000 persons); US AID  
estimates even higher. Appr 2,500 US winterized tents ex-  
pected shelter over 8,600 families from winter cold;  
International Red Cross and other foreign tents, and up to  
2,000 British prefabs expected make up balance. (EmbTel 422,  
TOAID 249, 256) (CONF).

Housing coordinator assigning reconstruction individual  
villages to volunteer orgs (e. g., Univ Tehran, NIOC, Min  
Agriculture, Tehran Chamber Commerce); Red Lion Sun Society  
Sept 19 reported receipt \$600,000 equiv cash donations, being  
held for reconstruction. Govts Norway, Sweden each offered  
rebuild one village. (UNCLASSIFIED). Massive US reconstruc-  
tion plan (EmbTel 412) under consideration. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) Shah tours Azerbaijan and Gilan: Shah Sept 21  
began 17-day tour Azerbaijan and Gilan; will meet local  
citizens and officials and inspect economic, social and  
military activities some 30 towns and villages (including  
USSR border area), starting with Sept 22 visit Zanjan and  
Sept 23 ceremonies completing land distribution Maragheh.  
(UNCLASSIFIED).

Comment: Shah undertaking useful program personal contact  
with Provinces. Plans later visit Kurdistan. Way prepared  
by last week's Azerbaijan tour PriMin Elam (who, Consulate  
Tabriz reports, successfully applied VP Johnson hand-shaking  
technique) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) Land reform: Sept 16 Shah (accompanied by Ministers

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Agriculture, Interior, Justice, Roads, Labor) handed out title deeds to reported 8 Arak-area villages in local ceremony approx 160 miles SW Tehran; in accompanying speech criticized reactionary elements who "gutted" his previous land reform law in Majlis, and said present program now unstoppable even if present Minister Agr were to depart or "Zin, its initiator, were to change my mind." Min Agr Arsanjani in welcoming speech called Arak "citadel of reaction" where "peasants mercilessly subjected by landlords, 40 peasants killed 2 years ago."

Other developments: Arsanjani proclaimed 4 Districts of Zanjan Shahrestan subject land reform law, 16th Shahrestan to date (others: Maragheh, Tabriz, Marand, Ardebil, Ahar, Qazvin, Rasht, Fuman, Someh-Sara, Lahijan, Arak, Kertmernshah, Shiraz, Sanandaj, Gorveh). Press reported Gomt jailed 2 Maragheh-area landlords for forcibly obstructing land reform, and legally seized Qazvin area village for landlady's failure file property documents; one of Shah-distributed Arak villages also said to have been taken from landlord. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Arak statement Shah's strongest yet supporting current land reform program. Not clear whether speech reinforces Arsanjani's position. In view remark he not indispensable, however, Shah giving him prominent position all distribution ceremonies and bestowing praise land reform officials. Arsanjani appeared well but lacked usual bounce after reported Sept 8 heart attack (WEEKA 37). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

(4) Oil: Consortium London end Paris talks: Bi-annual Consortium-NIOC talks began this week London. (UNCLASSIFIED) Special Consortium-GOI talks re OPEC resolutions scheduled Oct 1 Paris. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: London talks routine. Probable main topics: NIOC desire for further production increases and faster development of agreement area reserves.

Paris talks will cover GOI claims for financial concessions as per recent OPEC resolutions (WEEKAs 27, 33); Min Finance Behnia to head GOI team. Consortium currently unyielding, talks likely begin long and hard negotiations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) Labor Congress: Min Labor sponsored labor congress Sept 8-15 Tehran; labor, employer and govt reps discussed

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labor laws and regs, social services, and labor conditions, including new profit-sharing plan mentioned in Shah's Sept 16 Arak speech. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Congress, first of its kind, generally govt-staged affair (with labor reps hand-picked by employers or govt) not indicative any real GOI initiative re labor probs. Profit-sharing scheme reportedly being drafted, but unlikely fare better than liberal labor laws already on books and ignored by most employers. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(6) Oil: Revenue advance to GOI: Consortium Sept 17 advanced \$11 million of Oct 15 quarterly oil payment to GOI, in response Aug request for \$14 million advance (WEEKA 35); Esso, Texaco, Standard California reportedly refused advance their shares. (Emb A-101) (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Refusal 3 SS companies underlines increasing resistance GOI's constant requests; Esso also refused last quarter (WEEKA 29). Earlier this year Consortium asked Min Finance agree stop requesting advances but got no clear-cut assurances. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(7) Oil: ECAFE Symposium ends. 2nd ECAFE Petroleum Symposium (WEEKA 35) ended 2-week Tehran session Sept 15. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Discussions mainly technical (geology, oil exploration-exploitation techniques, training, natural gas, economics, oil exploration-production-distribution). Soviet and US oil-economics hampers differed re development; Soviets sharply criticized private international oil industry methods, profits. Iranian discussion leader wisely avoided floor discussion these views (and inevitable polemics). Symposium soundly managed and constructed. (A-138) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(8) Iran to repurchase IMF drawing: Central Bank has advised IMF it plans repurchase (i.e., repay) immediately Iran's entire outstanding drawings (\$20.5 million). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: CB/s move voluntary, although November repurchase obligations would have been \$18-19 million anyway, based on recent improvement Iran's foreign exchange reserves position. Iran's outstanding drawings reached peak in Sept-Oct 1961 (\$57.5 million). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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B. External:

(1) Iran-USSR: G01 note re missile bases: (WEEKA 37) Soviet friendship campaign again in high gear with vigorous exploitation Sept 15 note exchange public reaction welcomes decreased tension. Kayhan and Ettelaat (largest newspapers) front-paged separate but similar "exclusive" interviews with SovAmb Pegov, who "completely satisfied" with Sept 17 audience Shah, extolled goodwill and wisdom both sides during pre-note negotiations, expects Iran Del soon visit Moscow discuss transit agreement, hopes for increased ties both economic (joining border hydroelectric projects, etc) and cultural (already planned: Visits Iranian-Soviet football teams, Univ Tehran weightlifters, Soviet singer, Iranian journalists, etc). (See Psychological). Pegov presented 100 USSR-printed books on Iran to Univ Tehran; plans attend Shah's Sept 23 land-distribution ceremonies Maragheh. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Soviet propaganda stress on negotiations preceding G01 and Soviet notes intended foster false impression of bilateral agreement. While not clear why USSR suddenly accepted unilateral declaration, apparently decision high-level and urgent in view Pegov's quick abandonment his last-minute attempt change wording of declaration (WEEKA 37). Shah Sept 19 told our Amb G01 position re USSR unchanged since Shah's Aug 1959 letter to Khrushchev. (EmbTeIs 428, 429) (CONFIDENTIAL)

Iran-USSR transit agreement protocols were signed 1956, ratified by Majlis 1957, but formal instruments never exchanged. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(2) Iran-US: Shah accepts 5-year MAP: Shah Sept 19 accepted proposed 5 year Military Assistance Program (Jul 1962-Jun 1967), after hour-and-45-min discussion with Amb and Gens Hayden (Chief ERMISH-MAAG) and Twitchell (JCS Rep). US memo was accepted unchanged except addition Shah-requested phrases noting "desirability" additional 3 tank bns and 2 radar stations (but clearly not commitment) and providing program review in event unforeseen threats to Iran.

Iran armed forces to total 160,000 (Army 145,000, Navy 3,000, Air Force 12,000). Provisions include: Army: Special frontier defense force 10,500, seven mobile inf divs 10,000 each, independent tank and paratroop bns, etc; Navy: 2 new Frigates, 2 patrol boats, 6 mine warfare ships, etc;

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Air Force: 8 Tactical Fighter Sqdns (including 4 new sqdns F-5A supersonic fighter-bombers), etc; also new radar stations, operating bases, communications net, etc. (EmbTel 430, A-153) (SECRET)

Comment: Memo and Shah's memo of acceptance constitute firm agreement establishing new, precise and well-understood long-term basis our mil program and relationship, rectifying unfortunate position US following failure carry out 1958 commitments. Dept's agreement Amb's request include 2 Frigates our proposed program was important factor Shah's ready acceptance program including force limitation 160,000; Shah, disturbed re Frigates' earlier deletion, wrote to President, now appears agree his desires taken into account. (EmbTel 430) (SECRET).

### 2. Psychological:

#### A. Press:

(1) Iran-USSR: Unanimous approval improved relations following note exchange, SovAmb Pegov's doings and sayings front-paged (see Political); predictions cessation Soviet propaganda attacks, resumption cultural and educational ties, improved trade, possibility joint border irrigation and power projects. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Earthquake: Comment falling off but news coverage relief activities still heavy with good share to US, particularly 8th Evac Hospital and helicopters. Some press concerned re lack plans construction for housing before winter. Kayhan, several lesser papers endorsed appointment ex-PriMin Sharif-Emami as housing coordinator; urged Red Lion Sun Society heed evidence lack public confidence by performing effectively, improving its public relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) SS AFRTV hoax: Dropped almost completely except by Sepid-O-Siah (medium circ magazine) which said this only latest of many demonstrations US naivete, unlike British and Russians who "better understand Persians" and would never commit similar blunder. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) Cuba: Considerable comment most press surmising Soviets trying divert US attention from Berlin and urging US keep calm, regard Soviet build-up Cuba as minor effort; some blame past US policy mistakes for present Cuba embarrassment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(5) Third plan approval: Major press (Kayhan, Ettelaat, Khandanihe) news coverage without comment. Minor press ask of comments praising power shift to ministries, urging reduction "swollen" plan org bureaucracy and dismissal "over-paid" foreign experts close supervision expenditures, minimum foreign loans. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### B. Radio:

(1) Radio Iran: Routine news coverage major world local events; stress on improved Iran-USSR relations. No significant comment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Communist Bloc radios: All featured Iran-USSR note exchange re foreign missile bases (see Political): RM said GOI's display "wisdom and realism" removes obstacles good relations and hurts US plans base anti-Soviet aggression US-Allied countries; urged others emulate Iran, further shrink Europe-Asia rocket-nuclear areas. Contrasted peaceful discussions and USSR regard equal rights smaller Iran ("Soviet people want strong, independent Iran") with US "big stick" policy traditional imperialist force against little Cuba. NVI (clandestine pseudo-Iranian, USSR-based) said notes extremely significant for Iranian people and MidEast peace, following 9 years previous Iranian Govts' failure give such assurance and thereby remove obstacles good relations. Praised mighty USSR for demanding so little from small Iran, just assurance Iran not means for anti-USSR aggression. Hoped this represents only beginning improved relations. Peyk-E Iran (Tudeh Party Voice, East Berlin-based) warned that "hated and reactionary" Shah and his puppet regime foes socialism and USSR, will try take advantage Soviet "softness". Said despite Iran's continued adherence CENTO and US bilateral agreement USSR relies on GOI FonOff note and extends friendly hand, showing maximum possible softness by greater power towards little enemy-Allied neighbor; contrasted US treatment Cuba.

Other topics: RM said every earthquake-relief dollar Americans brag of spending is tiny share wealth taken from Iranian people in oil revenue, etc. NVI said even GOI admits land reform now irreversible; urged peasants, progressives push for nation-wide extension program to destroy feudalism. (UNCLAS)

Comment: NVI's rare gentleness towards GOI closely echoes RM's friendship line, while Tudeh's Peyk-E Iran permitted blast away as usual and even imply criticism Soviet "softness". (UNCLAS)

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(3) Free Voice Iran: (clandestine pseudo-Iranian, USSR-based) Ignored notes, continued pushing story revolt beginning Azerbaijan and Kurdistan while "freedom-loving" Army officers plot Shah's overthrow; claimed Shah and supporters aware this, planning escape. (Location CONFIDENTIAL, content UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Military (see also Political):

A. Army

(1) Anti-corruption: Trial of Gen Khazai: Trial continues but reportedly now closed to public; no further press reports. Opening day (Aug 27) defense invoked law requiring accused officer be tried by mil tribunal of superior rank; court ruled retired officers treated as civilians not subject this law, made no mention reported circular specifically authorizing retired officers be tried by officers lower rank (WEEKA 35). (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: This first modern military trial IIA officer for corruption while on active duty; great interest among IIA officers. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) OCS course eliminated: Regular junior-officer course (OCS) of mil univ eliminated, last class graduating this week; was used supplement supply regular officers from military academy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: May reflect overall reduction IIA. HS graduates formerly earmarked for OCS now available NCO material. (CONF)

(3) IIA officers to quit civilian posts: Shah reportedly directed IIA officers holding civilian posts be reassigned military duties, or retire if wish remain in Savak, police, ministries; few exceptions include Maj Gen Pakravan (Chief Savak) who reportedly within 6 months retirement. (CONF)

Comment: If Savak and police become civilian operations could diversify Shah's power base; also could reflect possible intended reduction IIA officer corps. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. Navy - Negative.

C. Air Force - Negative

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) SHAH'S TOUR OF AZERBAIJAN AND GILAN: (WEEKA 38) SHAH THIS WEEK VISITED MARAGHEH, MAHABAD, KHANEH AND REZAIEH, MAKING SPEECHES AND MEETING PEOPLE. AT MARAGHEH SEPT 23 PRESIDED OVER MAJOR "PEASANTS' DAY" CEREMONIES COMPLETING LAND DISTRIBUTION PILOT PROJECT AREA IN PRESENCE DIPL CORPS (INCLUDING AMBS US, USSR), MADE ANOTHER STRONG SPEECH PRAISING LAND REFORM (SEE ITEM); ATTENDED PEASANT WEDDING. AT MAHABAD SEPT 24 AND KHANEH SEPT 25 (KURDISH AREAS AZERBAIJAN) PRAISED KURDS; IN KHANEH SPEECH TO ARMY OFFICERS SAID IIA TO BE SMALLER BUT MORE EFFICIENT AND STRONGER, CLEANSSED OF CORRUPTION. SEPT 25 BEGAN 3-DAY VISIT REZAIEH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SHAH COMBINING PUBLIC RELATIONS AND KURD FENCE-MENDING WITH INCREASINGLY VIGOROUS VOCAL SUPPORT FOR REFORMS, AS SHAH-DIRECTED ALAM GOVT STRIVES GIVE IMPRESSION OF OUT-REFORMING AMINI; RESULTS WILL INCLUDE RISING POPULAR EXPECTATIONS WHICH THIS GOVT SO FAR INADEQUATELY PREPARED FULFILL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) LAND REFORM: SEPT 23 SHAH (ACCOMPANIED BY MINS AGR, ROADS, INTERIOR, LABOR, AND DIPL CORPS) IN FINAL MARAGHEH DEED-DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY PROMISED LAND REFORM FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY IN 2 YEARS AND ANNOUNCED GOVT TO TAKE OVER AND DISTRIBUTE EARTHQUAKE-DEVASTATED AREA. MINS AGR ARSANJANI'S WELCOMING SPEECH PLEDGED END ERA OF FEUDALISM, TYRANNY, BARBARISM. CHIEF MARAGHEH LR OFC KHALKHALI REPORTED APPR

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258,000 HECTARES DISTRIBUTED 24,000 MARAGHEH FAMILIES, WHO ESTABLISHED 155 CO-OPS AND SUBSCRIBED \$226,000 EQUIV CAPITAL, ACQUIRING RAISING PLANT, TRACTORS. 4 RECENTLY-ARRIVED SOVIET TRACTORS DISPLAYED AT CEREMONY SEPT 28 ARSANJANI DENIED RUMORS HE INTENDED RESIGN, TELLING PRESS HE INTENDS "SEE LAND REFORM THROUGH TO END". (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) PLAN ORG AND NEW HIGH PLAN COUNCIL: GOVT SEPT 22 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT PLAN ORG (AS REQUIRED BY NEW THIRD PLAN LAW) AND NEW INTRA-GOVT HIGH PLAN COUNCIL. PLAN ORG: SAFI ASFIA REAPPOINTED DIRECTOR BUT NO LONGER RANKS AS A DEP PRIMIN; PLAN DIR'S COMMITTEE (NEWLY-CREATED EXEC BODY) STAFFED MAINLY WITH EXPERIENCED PLAN ORG EXECS, PLUS ONE OUTSIDER. HIGH PLAN COUN: INCLUDES PRIMIN, MIN FINANCE AND COMMERCE, GOV CENTRAL BANK, PLUS ENTEZAM (DIR NIOC), MANSUR (DIR GOVT INSUR CO, FORMER CAB MIN) AND NASIRI (EX-GOV BANK MELLI). PLAN ORG SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED INTERNAL REORG INTO 3 DIVS; MAIN INNOVATION IS SEPARATION PLANNING AND OPERATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PLAN ORG: NEW DEP DIRS (CHIEFS NEW DIVS) ALL EXPERIENCED PLAN ORG HANDS; HOWEVER, GUDARZI (MOST EXPERIENCED IN PLANNING ADMIN) HAS RESIGNED TVER INTERNAL REORG AND SAMII (DESIGNATED DEP DIR/PLANNING) LEAVING IN FEW WEEKS TO ACCEPT IBRD POST. ASFIA ORDER GIVING PLAN ORG EMPLOYEES TENURE IN PRE-EXISTING JOBS ADDS CONFUSION AND MAKES STAFFING NEW DIVS DIFFICULT. REORG HAS SO OCCUPIED HIGH-LEVEL PLAN ORG ATTENTION THAT REPROGRAMMING UNDER LOWERED DEVELOPMENT-PROGRAM CEILINGS NOT YET READY; AND NO MOVE YET TO ESTABLISH PLANNING UNITS IN MINISTRIES, WHICH NOW ARE TO EXECUTE PROJECTS. HIGH PLAN COUN: BIG QUESTION IS WHETHER ANY MEMBER WILL CHALLENGE EXPECTED DOMINATION BY ANTI-PLAN-MINDED MIN FINANCE BEHNIA. (A-142, 172) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) LABOR PROFIT-SHARING PLAN: (WEEKA 38) MIN LABOR KHOSROVANI SEPT 25 ANNOUNCED COMPLETION DRAFT PLAN FOR SHARING PROFITS WITH INDUSTRIAL WORKERS; PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO PROJECTED "NATL ECON COUNCIL" (SEE ITEM). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PLAN REFLECTS SHAH'S NOV 1966 6-POINT FIRMAN AND SEPT 16 ARAK SPEECH (WEEKA 38), AND REPORTEDLY ENVISAGES SHARING PROFITS ABOVE FIXED RATE RETURN ON INVESTMENT. SUCH A PLAN SEEMS TOO SOPHISTICATED FOR PRESENT IRANIAN IMPLEMENTATION. INDUSTRIALISTS NATURALLY OPPOSE IT. (A-170) (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) ANTI-CORRUPTION: ARMY ARREST; CHANGES IN MINJUSTICE: FORMER CHIEF ARMY ENGINEERS MAJGEN MOINPUR THIS WEEK REPORTED ARRESTED BY ORDER SPECIAL ARMY PROSECUTOR BRIGGEN MARVASTI FOR DISHONESTY RE MIL CONSTRUCTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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MEANWHILE 3 SENIOR MIN JUSTICE POSITIONS CHANGED: DEPMIN MOHAMED MAJLESI (FOR SHEHAB-FERDOWS), DIRGEN, INSPECTORATE HADI MOSADEQI (FOR MOBASHERI), AND TEHRAN PUBL PROSECUTOR SADEQ AHMADI (FOR JAVADI). (A-156) (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: REPLACEMENT OF OFFICIALS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER MIN JUSTICE ALAMUTI'S ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN BY 3 REPUTED SOLID CONSERVATIVES INDICATES CIVILIAN CAMPAIGN MAY BE SLACKENING. (CONF)

(6) NEW "NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL": (A-169) PRIMIN IN SEPT 23 RADIO SPEECH ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR FORMATION A "NATL ECON COUN" OF RESPECTED LEADERS ALL FIELDS, TO STUDY ECON POLICY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH, ONCE LEGISLATED WOULD BE GUARANTEED REMAIN ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FOR 5-10 YEARS AND THEREBY PROVIDE STABLE ECON ATMOSPHERE. PRESS REPORTS "COUN" TO HAVE APPR 50 MEMBERS, BE CONVENED WITHIN FORTNIGHT. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: EMB HAS NOT DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH PRIMIN; GOVT OFFICIALS AND SOME PRESS COMMENT EXPRESSED IGNORANCE HIS PLAN AND HOW WILL RELATE OTHER POLICY-MAKING GROUPS (MONETARY-CREDIT CONTROL COUN, PLAN ORG, NEW HIGH PLAN COUN, ET AL). (UNCLASSIFIED)

(7) PL 480 WHEAT REQUEST: FONOFF ON BEHALF PRIMIN THIS WEEK EXPRESSED CONCERN RE WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION AND HOPE EARLY US ACTION RE RECENT TITLE I REQUEST. GOVT STOCKS DEPLETED AS DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT (FOLLOWING BAD CROP) INHIBITED DUE STRONG FREE-MARKET PRICE. (EMBTLS 407, 435) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(8) IMPORT CREDIT REGULATIONS RELAXED: CENTRAL BANK ISSUED CREDIT REGS AMENDMENTS EFF SEPT 23, RELAXING PAYMENT TERMS ON IMPORTS CERTAIN ESSENTIAL GOODS (IE, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS FOR INDUSTRIES). ALSO AUTHORIZED EXTENSION VALIDITY DATE CERTAIN PAYMENT DRAFTS, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY EXTENSION OF DRAFTS ALREADY EXPIRED. OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS, INVOLVING FORN EXCHANGE FOR IRANIAN TRAVELERS. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: SPURPOSE MAINLY ASSIST LOCAL INDUSTRY IN VIEW IMPROVED FORN EXCHANGE POSITION (WEEKA 38), AND GOVT SO FAR PROCEEDING PRUDENTLY, NOT RISKING RENEWAL PRE-STABILIZATION-PROGRAM BALANCE PAYMENTS PRESSURES. NO CHANGE IN RESTRICTION IMPORTS SEMI-ESSENTIAL, LUXURY GOODS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(9) OIL: CONSORTIUM LONDON TALKS END: SEPT 22 BIENNIAL CONSORTIUM-NIOC TALKS (WEEKA 38) ENDED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CONSORTIUM SAYS TALKS WENT WELL, WITH USUAL NIOC PITCH

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FOR INCREASED OIL PRODUCTION AND EXPLORATION, AND IRANIZATION PERSONNEL; CONSORTIUM FEELS ITS PRODUCTION INCREASE (NEARLY 9 PERCENT SO FAR THIS YEAR) AND 5-YEAR PERSONNEL PLAN COMPLY WITH THESE DESIRES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

### B. EXTERNAL

(1) SIRAN-EEC: BRUSSELS TALKS: GOI DEL HEADED BY MIN COMMERCE JAHANSHAH DEPARTED FOR BRUSSELS SEPT 22 FOR TALKS WITH EEC SECRETARIAT. HOPES GET TARIFF, OTHER TRADE CONCESSIONS MAKING IRANIAN EXPORTS COMPETITIVE, ESPECIALLY WITH PRODUCTS EEC ASSOCIATES GREECE, TURKEY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MAIN PRODUCTS INVOLVED: DRIED FRUITS, CARPETS, TEXTILES. MAIN GOI PROBLEMS: EEC TARIFF-LEVEL GENERALLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF WEST GERMANY, IRAN'S BIGGEST EUROPEAN CUSTOMER; AND PACKAGING, PRESERVING IRANIAN DRIED FRUITS GENERALLY SUBSTANDARD AS COMPARED COMPETITOR COUNTRIES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) PRIMIN ALAM RADIO SPEECH: WIDELY REPORTED, ANALYZED. PRAISE FOR HIS PROMISE TOLERATE POLITICAL OPPOSITION, PROMOTE ECONOMIC STABILITY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) IRAN-USSR: CONTINUED CELEBRATION IMPROVED RELATIONS, PREDICTIONS INCREASED TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. US COMMENDED FOR "WISE, MATURE" RESPONSE TO CLOSER IRAN-USSR TIES. LONG EDITORIALS KAYHAN, ETTELAAT, KYANDANIHA, BAMSHAD, ETTEHAD MELLI, ATASH, REPRESENTING BROAD SPREAD POLITICAL OPINION, REVIEWED IRAN-USSR RELATIONS, URGED SOVIETS NOT REPEAT PAST MISTAKES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) CUBA: INTENSE EDITORIAL INTEREST BY PRESS ALL POL SHADES. US DILEMA DESCRIBED IN ITFMS UPCOMING US ELECTIONS, BERLIN, 17TH UNGA; PAST US "MISTAKES" RE CUBA LENGTHILY RE-EXAMINED. LITTLE OR NO CRITICISM SOVIET OR CUBA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) LAND REFORM: PRESS ENCOURAGED BY RECENT STATEMENTS SHAH, ARSANJANI; HAILED CONTINUED PROGRESS AS CONCRETE EVIDENCE FEUDAL SYSTEM CRUMBLING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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**B. RADIO**

(1) RADIO IRAN: FULL COVERAGE SHAH'S LAND REFORM CEREMONY AT MARAGHEH, PRINCE ALAM'S SPEECH, UNIV TEHRAN OPENING, EDITORIAL HOPE NEW SCHOOL YEAR FREE FROM RIOTS, DISSENTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW CONTINUED PRAISE NOTE EXCHANGE RE MISSILE BASES; SAID IT LESSENS IRAN'S CHANCES BEING DRAGGED INTO WAR BY CUBA-BULLYING, U-2-FLYING U.S., WHICH READILY EXPOSES SMALL ALLIES TO WAR DANGER. EXTOLLED USSR'S UNGA PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, ETC; CLAIMED THESE PLUS EXPANDED TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT IRAN MORE THAN TALKS WITH EEC, WHOSE MEMBERS CARE NOTHING FOR SMALL OUTSIDERS. NATIONAL VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) SAID ALL NATIONALISTS WELCOME GOI GUARANTEES, WHICH MUST BE ONLY PREAMBLE TO TRUE NEUTRALIST FORM POLICY; SAID IRAN MUST FREE SELF FROM CHAINS OF U.S. BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND CENTO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) FREE VOICE OF IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) STILL URGING AND PREDICTING VIOLENT REVOLUTION SOONEST; SAID SHAH HEARD MEMBERS OWN FAMILY CONTACTING ANTI-SHAH PLOTTERS, ANGRILY REMINDED THEM PLOTTERS INTEND DESTROY SHAH'S FAMILY ALONG WITH SHAH. CLAIMED SHAH SEEKS FIND AND CAPTURE FVI BROADCASTERS WHICH SAVAK REPORTED LOCATED IRANIAN AZERBEIJAN. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASS)

**3. MILITARY**

**A. ARMY (SEE POLITICAL: ANTI-CORRUPTION)**

(1) ANNUAL PROMOTIONS--RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED: HQ SCS SEPT 22 ANNOUNCED PROMOTION 2301 OFFICERS, INCLUDING 2 LTGEN (1 ARMY, 1 AF), 16 MAJGEN (13 ARMY, 2 NAVY EQUIV, 1 AF), 26 BRIGEN (22 ARMY, 2 AF, D 1 VET, 1 CIV BRIGEN EQUIV); SEPT 23 ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT 182 OFFICERS, INCLUDING 5 LTGEN, 5 MAJGEN, 6 BRIGEN. MORE ADDITIONAL GEN OFFICERS REPORTEDLY RETIRED AND CONCURRENTLY RECALLED IN SAME POSITION IN CIVILIAN OR QUASI-CIVILIAN ACTIVITY; EIGHT ADDITIONAL GEN OFFICERS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM ARMY TO SAVAK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ARMY PROMOTIONS INCLUDE: NEW LTGEN HABIBOLLAH MIR-JAHANGIRI AND NEW MAJGEN GHOLAM OVEISI (CDR IMPERIAL GUARDS); ARMY RETIREMENTS INCLUDED LT GEN S TEIMUR BAKHTIAR (EX-CHIEF SAVAK), FEREYDUN KUSHESHI, MOHAMED TAQI MAJIDI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PROMOTIONS APPEAR GENERALLY NO BETTER, NO WORSE THAN

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PRIOR YEARS; THUS DISAPPOINTING IN VIEW REPORTS PREDICTING GREATER EMPHASIS MERIT THIS YEAR. RETIREMENTS DISAPPOINTING: ALL LTGENS RETIRED WERE ALREADY OUT OF ACTIVE DUTY POSITIONS (INCLUDING MAJIDI, AS I CORPS INACTIVATED). RETIREMENT-AND-RECALL IS MERE DEVICE FOR TRANSFER FROM ARMY TO CIVILIAN PAYROLL. ADDITIONAL RETIREMENTS REPORTEDLY AWAITING SHAH'S RETURN AND APPROVAL; IF SO, IMPROVEMENT STILL POSSIBLE THIS YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) NEW MILITARY ATTACHES: FRENCH: COL FEUGAS ARRIVED SEPT 25 TO REPLACE COL GUILLOT. SOVIET: COL GRIGORY KUZMENKO EXPECTS REPLACEMENT DURING OCT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### B. NAVY

(1) PROMOTIONS-RETIREMENTS: (SEE ARMY) NAVY PROMOTIONS INCLUDE NEW VICEADM JAFAR KURUS (LOGISTICS DEPUTY TO CINC IIN) A MUSTANG AFKHAM (J-3 PLANS, SCS); RETIREMENTS INCLUDE CAPT TAGHI BEHNAM, PLUS CAPTS HOSSEIN ANUSHIRAVANI AND SAIFEDDIN MIR-JAHANGIRI TO BE RETIRED WITHIN 30 DAYS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: KURUS HIGHLY COMPETENT ENGINEERING OFFICER WITH COURT CONNECTIONS, REPORTEDLY PRO-WESTERN. AFKHAM AMBITIOUS, DEBONAIR GENTLEMAN OF QUESTIONABLE MORALS, INFLUENTIAL FAMILY. RETIREMENTS IN GENERAL NO LOSS TO NAVY, EXCEPT BAHNAM, ITS ONLY TRAINED HYDROGRAPHER WITH EXPERIENCE; CINC IIN ATTEMPTING TO RECALL HIM TO ACTIVE DUTY. (SECRET)

### C. AIR FORCE

(1) PROMOTIONS-RETIREMENTS: (SEE ARMY) AF PROMOTIONS INCLUDE NEW LTGEN MOHAMED KHATAMI, CG IIAF. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) SHAH ENDS TOUR OF AZERBAIJAN AND GILAN: (WEEK 46 ET AL) SHAH OCT 12 MOTORED BACK TEHRAN FROM GILAN (AFTER HIS PLANE CRASHED IN STORM EN ROUTE TO GET HIM), ENDING 19-DAY TOUR NW IRAN. IN GILAN AS IN AZERBAIJAN, SHAH DREW BIG ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS, CONTINUED MINGLING WITH COMMON PEOPLE MORE FREELY THAN EVER BEFORE, HANDING OUT LAND DEEDS TO PEASANTS, AND MAKING SPEECHES PUSHING REFORM. IN OCT 6 SPEECH AT LAND REFORM CEREMONY NEAR ARDABIL, SAID COMPREHENSIVE DEEP-WELL RURAL WATER SUPPLY-IRRIGATION SYSTEM WOULD GET PRIORITY ATTENTION; IN OTHER WELL-PUBLICIZED STATEMENTS, STRESSED NEED FOR INCREASED LOCAL

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SELF-GOV. AND FOR ALLOCATION ALL POSSIBLE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT,  
SAYING THAT ARMY'S PROJECTED SMALLER SIZE-GREATER EFFICIENCY  
WOULD ADD TO FUNDS AVAILABLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SHAH HAS NOT MADE TRIPS OF THIS SORT BEFORE. WE HEAR  
THAT HE PLANS MORE - TO THE SOUTH AND INTO KHUZESTAN. (UNCLAS)

(2) EARTHQUAKE: MASSIVE US AID; NEW QUAKE IN KHORASAN:  
OCT 7 MASSIVE US PLAN FOR \$3 MILLION HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION (SUPER-  
VISED BY CORPS ENGINEERS AND USING BOTH US AND IRANIAN CONTRACTORS)  
ANNOUNCED; TO BE FINANCED MAINLY BY RIALS GENERATED BY SALE  
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES UNDER TITLE II PE-486. THIS IN ADDITION  
TO OVER \$2 MILLION ALREADY COMMITTED EARTHQUAKE RELIEF BY US.  
(AIDTO 361, TOAID 362) (CONFIDENTIAL)

MINOR EARTHQUAKE OCT 5 TORBAT-HEYDARIEH AREA KHORASAN  
REPORTEDLY KILLED SIX PERSONS; GOI APPEARS ABLE HANDLE RELIEF  
WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. (EMBTTEL 474) (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT LAWS: GOVT THIS WEEK ANNOUNCED  
CABINET APPROVAL NEW LAWS FOR ELECTION OF TOWN AND PROVINCIAL  
ASSEMBLIES TO BE EMPOWERED EXERCISE LIMITED LOCAL SELF-GOVERN-  
MENT; ADDITIONAL LAWS TO FOLLOW, EXPECTED PROVIDE FOR VILLAGE  
COUNCILS. LAWS UNEXPECTEDLY FAIL LIMIT VOTING TO MALES; THIS  
FRONT-PAGED BY PRESS AS CONSTITUTING INTRODUCTION FEMALE  
SUFFRAGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: LAWS PART OF NEW PLAN FOR GOVERNMENTAL DECENTRALIZATION,  
UNDER WHICH GOVERNORS-GENERAL PURPORTEDLY TO BE GIVEN INCREASED  
AUTHORITY, OPERATE WITH AID PROVINCIAL "CABINET" (COMPOSED

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REPS VARIOUS MINISTRIES) AND ELECTED PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES.

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(4) OIL: CONSORTIUM PARIS TALKS: (WEEK 40, ET AL)  
FIVE-DAY GOI-CONSORTIUM TALKS RE OPEC RESOLUTIONS CLOSED PARIS  
OCT 5. BRIEF RELEASE ISSUED PARIS, TEHRAN STATED BOTH SIDES  
"EXPRESSED VIEWS CLEARLY AND CANDIDLY" AND AGREED MEET AGAIN  
TEHRAN "VERY NEAR FUTURE". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ON RETURN FROM PARIS MIN FINANCE BEHNIA TERMED MEETING  
"SATISFACTORY," BUT REPORTEDLY THERE WAS NO MEETING MINDS AND  
BOTH SIDES RESTED ON ORIGINAL POSITIONS. WIDE LOCAL PRESS  
COVERAGE TO EFFECT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LONG AND HARD BUT IRAN  
WILL OBTAIN "RIGHTS" IN LONG RUN. (A-133) (CONFIDENTIAL)

### 2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### A. PRESS

(1) SHAH'S TOUR: SHAH'S TOUR AZERBAIJAN, GILAN ENDED  
AMID HIGH EDITORIAL EXCITEMENT, LAVISH PRAISE SHAH AND PRED-  
ICTIONS NEW ERA SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL REFORMS IN WAKE OF  
SHAH'S FIGHTING SPEECHES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TOUR GREAT PERSONAL PUBLIC-RELATIONS TRIUMPH FOR SHAH,  
AS PRESS HEIGHTENS POPULAR EXPECTATIONS OF ACTION TO FOLLOW  
SHAH'S WORDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) LOCAL SELF-GOVT LAWS: WIDE EDITORIAL SUPPORT LACED  
WITH WARNINGS CENTRAL GOVT MUST TRULY DIVERT AUTHORITY TO NEW  
LOCAL COUNCILS, CEASE INTERFERENCE LOCAL ELECTIONS, ASSIST  
DEVELOPMENT EFFICIENT CORPS OF ADMINISTRATORS. SENSATIONALIST

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TREATMENT OF LOOPHOLE IN NEW LAWS WHICH INFERS POSSIBILITY  
FEMALE SUFFRAGE IN ELECTING LOCAL COUNCILS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) YEMEN UPRISING: MOST PRESS SEES REVOLT LATEST  
EVIDENCE CRUMBLING DESPOTIC MID EAST REGIMES; SOME MINOR PRESS  
DISSENT, DECRYING "MURDER" OF NEW "REFORMIST" IMAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) BOWLES FOREIGN AID MEMORANDUM: BEGINNING ATTRACT  
ATTENTION. PEYMAN EMRUZ (STRONGLY NATIONALISTIC, OFTEN CRITICAL US)  
CLAIMED "EXCLUSION" IRAN FROM BOWLES CATAGORIES TRIBUTE IRAN'S  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY, FELT SORRY FOR "HUMILIATION" VISITED ON CATE-  
GORIZED NATIONS. ETTELAAT ANALYZED ANNUAL US CONGRESSIONAL  
BATTLE RE FOREIGN AID, CALLED BOTLES PROPOSALS TOO PROGRESSIVE  
TO BE ACCEPTED BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS STATE DEPT, PENTAGON. (UNCLAS)

(5) MISSISSIPPI DESEGREGATION: SMATTERING EDITORIAL  
COMMENT RANGING DENUNCIATION IN FERDOWSI (WEEKLY MAGAZINE  
SOME INFLUENCE, CIRCULATION 30000) WHICH SCORED US FOR PRE-  
TENDING BE CIVILIZED LEADER FREE WORLD WHILE PRACTISING BRUTAL  
REPRESSION NEGROES AT HOME, TO HIGH PRAISE IN ETTELAAT, FARMAN  
(INFLUENTIAL DAILIES) FOR PRES KENNEDY'S DECISIVE FED GOVT  
ACTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: FULL COVERAGE, EDITORIAL PRAISE SHAH'S  
TOUR. NO OTHER SIGNIFICENT EDITORIAL COMMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW SPOKE OF CUBA,  
BAD US AND ITS ATTEMPTS DOMINATE ITS CENTO PARTNERS, CONSTRUCTIVE  
USSR ACTIONS IN UNGA, ETC. NO CRITICISM GOI. NATIONAL VOICE

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IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) SAID IRAN MUST ADOPT "POSITIVE NEUTRALITY" AS DID MOSADEQ. USED TEHRAN VISIT THREE JAPANESE SURVIVERS HIROSHIMA AS SPRING-BOARD BLAST "UN-NECESSARY" US ATOMIC WARFARE AGAINST JAPAN, US READINESS USE IT AGAIN; SAID US MADE IRAN AGREE CEN TO PLAN FOR ATOMIC "DEATH ZONE" NORTHERN IRAN IN CASE OF WAR, IRAN MUST WITHDRAW FROM CEN TO. NO DIRECT CRITICISM GOI. PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEH PARTY VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) URGED WORKERS NOT BE MISLED BY USELESS SHAH-ALAM ATTEMPTS SOW DISCORD BY PHONY PROFIT-SHARING PLAN, ETC. (UNCLAS)

COMMENTS: BLOC-RADIOS CONTINUE 3-PRONGED APPROACH TO GOI: RM-FRIENDLY; NVI RESERVEDLY FRIENDLY; PEYK-E IRAN BITTERLY HOSTILE AS EVER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) FREE VOICE OF IRAN: (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) AS USUAL WANTS VIOLENT OVERTHROW "TRAITOR" SHAH. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASSIFIED)

## 3. MILITARY

### A. ARMY

(1) PROBABLE SCS CHANGES: RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS NUMBER 3507 PROBABLE SCS CHANGES SOON, INCLUDING: LT GEN VAFA, FROM 2ND DEPUTY SCS TO DEP MIN WAR; LT GEN MIR-JAHANGIRI, FROM J3 SCS TO 2ND DEP SCS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: REPORTED CHANGES WILL NOT MATERIALLY IMPROVE SCS, VAFA WEAK OFFICER; MIR-JAHANGIRI OBSTRUCTOR OF PROGRESS WHO ABHORS PLANNING, WILL BE NO IMPROVEMENT OVER VAFA. THEREFORE LOGISTICS-ADMIN COMMAND (WHICH UNDER 2ND DEP SCS) EXPECTED REMAIN WEAKEST LINK IN IIA

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ORGANIZATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IIA REORGANIZATION: 2ND ARMY SITUATION: ARMA VISIT  
TO 2ND ARMY UNITS INDICATES 2ND ARMY HQ HAS BEGUN FUNCTIONING BUT  
THAT PREPARATIONS FOR REGROUPING AND REDESIGNATION OF SUBORDINATE  
UNITS FROM OLD CORPS TO 2ND ARMY AT STAND-STILL, AND NO ORDERS  
YET ISSUED BY SCS TO PROVIDE 2ND ARMY WITH NECESSARY ADDITIONAL  
TROOPS AND ARTILLERY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: PRESENT STAGNATION DUE OFFICERS' PREOCCUPATION WITH PROMO-  
TIONS-RETIREMENTS, AND LACK OF PLANNING FOR IMPENDING REDUCTION  
FORCE STRUCTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: SHAH OCT 21 AT SANANDAJ, ACCOMPANIED BY MINAGR ARSANJANI, DISTRIBUTED FIRST LR TITLE DEEDS KURDESTAN; IN SPEECH PRAISED KURDISH RACE, CIVILIZATION. ARSANJANI'S ENERGETIC WEEK INCLUDED OCT 21 TV SPEECH AND OTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS, AND WELL-PUBLICIZED TOUR EARTHQUAKE AREA; SAID 360,000 HECTARES ALREADY DISTRIBUTED "WITHOUT MISAPPROPRIATION EVEN ONE RIAL", ASSERTED NO FUTURE MAJLIS CAN EVER REPEAL LR LAWS, AND WARNED LANDLORDS WHO ANTICIPATE LR BY STOPPING INVESTMENT IN THEIR LAND THAT LAND'S PURCHASE VALUE WOULD BE BASED ON NEXT YEAR'S CROP. MEANWHILE, PRESS REPORTED REASANTS IN ZARGHAM (NEAR SHIRAZ) ANTICIPATED LR BY DISTRIBUTING VILLAGE

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AMONG BELIEVES WITHOUT WAITING FOR GOVT (SEE WEEK 36); LANDLORD FILED COMPLAINT. (UNCLASS)

DIR AGR BANK ZAHEDI TOLD EMB THAT CO-OP BANK TO BE ESTABLISHED IN FIVE MONTHS (WHEN NUMBER CO-OPS REACHES 1999-2000), WITH ORIGINAL CAPITAL \$13 MILLION TO BE SUPPLIED BY AGR BANK AND SOLD GRADUALLY IN SHARES TO CO-OPS; AGR BANK REQUIRING PEASANTS CONTRIBUTE \$27 TO LOCAL CO-OP FOR EACH HECTAR THEY RECEIVE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

IN TABRIZ, GOVGEM DEMCAN TOLD OUR CONSUL THAT LR IN EAST AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE TO BE ENTRUSTED TO REGULAR PROVINCIAL ADMIN, ADDING HE EXPECTS COMPLETE DISTRIBUTION ALL AREAS IN 6 MONTHS. (TABRIZ A-300) (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: THOUGH LAND REFORM NOW HAS REAL MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN, ARSANJANI NOT RELAXING STRENUOUS EFFORTS KEEP IT MOVING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

OUR CONSUL TABRIZ REPORTS LAND REFORM WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS WITH ABLE, WELL-MOTIVATED GOVGEM DEMCAN, WHOSE STRONG BACKING OF LOCAL LR CHIEF KHALEKHALI IN MARAGHEH PILOT PROJECT CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY TO PROJECT'S SUCCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(C) MIN FIN DEHNA PRESS CONFERENCE: MINFIN DEHNA OCT 22 IN MAJOR PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED ON GOI-OIL CONSORTIUM PARIS TALKS, AND WASHINGTON

TALKS WITH IBRD-IMF (EMB A-227). RE OIL CONSORTIUM, SAID GOI 'RIGHTFULLY' EXPECTS IT GIVE CONSIDERATION IRAN'S INTERESTS DURING FURTHER TALKS ON OPEC RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED TEHRAN EARLY NOV; FOR FIRST TIME SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY REVISION CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT, "WITH CONSENT OF

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PARTIES". RE IBRD-IMF, REPORTED IMF PLEASED WITH IRAN'S EXECUTION STABILIZATION PROGRAM. SAID IBRD SHOULD GIVE AID PRIORITY TO "CRITICAL" REGIONS (IE, IRAN) SINCE IBRD RESOURCES "INADEQUATE" AND US-TIED AID NO HELP RE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEMS WHILE WEST EUROPEAN AID TERMS TOO STRICT. RE POSSIBILITY IBRD FINANCING THIRD PLAN, SAID GOI STRIVING COMPLETE REVISED THIRD PLAN ALLOCATIONS WHICH ARE PREREQUISITES TO FURTHER IBRD DISCUSSIONS (PRAISED US ROLE IN IMPROVING GOI-IBRD RELATIONS, WHICH HE IMPLIED HAD BEEN POISONED BY YOUNG IRANIAN PLANNERS); STATED MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IRAN IF IBRD FORMS AN AID CONSORTIUM SO LONG AS PROMPT AND SUSTAINED CREDIT AVAILABLE. (UNCLAS) COMMENT: WHILE BEHNIA TONE MODERATE RE OIL CONSORTIUM HE CLEARLY DETERMINED PRESS VIGOROUSLY FOR CONCESSIONS. GOI EXPECTED UTILIZE WIDE PRESS PUBLICITY (EG, RE PAGE VISIT - WEEK 42), WHICH HAS INCREASED PUBLIC EXPECTANCY AND, BY IMPLICATION, THREATENS ANTI-CONSORTIUM REACTION IF SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS NOT ACHIEVED (EMB A-229). (CONFIDENTIAL)

BEHNIA DID NOT MENTION IBRD'S LEGAL PROBLEM RE AIDING IRAN IN ABSENCE MAJLIS (EMB HAD URGED HIM KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL IN VIEW DANGER MISINTERPRETATION - EMB A-225). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) OIL: RECORD QUARTERLY REVENUE PAYMENT: OIL CONSORTIUM THIRD-QUARTER PAYMENT (JUN-SEPT) TO GOI WAS RECORD HIGH \$84.88 MILLION. IF GOI OIL REVENUES CONTINUE AT CURRENT 9.5 PERCENT ABOVE 1961 (PLUS ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM MARCH CONSORTIUM CONCESSIONS - WEEK 12), THIS YEAR'S TOTAL COULD REACH \$327.4 MILLION (COMPARED \$307 MILLION GOI BUDGET ESTIMATE). (EMB A-224) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(4) DEATH OF SADR-OL-ASHRAF: MOHSEN SADR (PRES OF LAST SENATE.

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FORMER PRININ; KNOWN BY HONORIFIC "SADR-OL-ASHRAF" OCTOBER 19 DIED AT AGE

91 AFTER LONG ILLNESS. SON IS IRANIAN AND TO JAPAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-US: GOI SUPPORTS CUBA QUARANTINE: FOHMIN OCT 24  
AND PRININ OCT 25 TOLD OUR AND THAT IN RESPONSE PRES KENNEDY'S MESSAGE  
TO SHAN, IRANIAN UN REP BEING INSTRUCTED FULLY SUPPORT US PROGRAM  
(EMBTTEL 500,501) FOHMIN ARAM REQUESTED COPY PRESIDENT'S OCT 22 SPEECH  
BE FURNISHED IRANIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW FOR INFO FOHMIN UNDERSEC OERWAI  
(EMBTTEL 500) (SEE IRAN-USSR). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IRAN-USSR: MISSION TO MOSCOW: (WEEKS 42 ET AL: IRANIAN  
HEADED BY FOHMIN UNDERSEC MAHMOUD FOHMI (AMB-DESIGNATE TO SWITZERLAND)  
PLUS COMMERCE UNDERSEC AHMAD ALI SHEIBANI AND MIRZAN ROOHS ABDOLLAH  
MARAFAT OCT 24 DEPARTED BY TRAIN FOR MOSCOW; EXPECT ARRIVE OCT 27,  
RETURN ABOUT NOV 3. SOVAME PEGCV OCT 29 GAVE WELL-PUBLICIZED  
DINNER FOR IRANIAN, PRININ, CABINET MEMBERS, AND WAS ON HAND AT  
RAILROAD STATION TO ADD PANFARE TO SENDOFF. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CURRENT FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN SO FAR UNAFFECTED BY CUBA QUARA-  
NTINE (ANNOUNCED HERE OCT 23). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(3) IRAN-KOREA: GOOD-WILL MISSION: SIX-MAN MISSION HEADED BY ROK  
AND TO TURKEY YOUNG HI CHOI ARRIVED OCT 19, DEPARTED OCT 26; DISCUSSED  
EXPANSION TRADE AND POSSIBLE **ESTABLISHMENT** DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SHAN  
PRININ, FOHMIN AND OTHER HIGH GOI OFFICIALS, (UNCLASS)

COMMENT: FORGEFF OFFICIAL TOLD US GOI READY ESTABLISH DIPL RELATIONS  
PROVIDED ROK WILLING ACCREDIT IRANIAN AND RESIDENT NEARBY COUNTRY;

GOI FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES PREVENT OPENING EMBASSY SEOUL. (EMBTTEL 404)

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(4) IRAN-UN: ABDON TO ADMINISTER WEST NEW GUINEA: DR JALAL ABDON (FORMER FONMIN AND OLD UN HAND) OCT 23 DEPARTED FOR NEW YORK TO ASSUME DUTIES AS UN ADMINISTRATOR FOR WEST NEW GUINEA FOLLOWING APPROVAL DUTCH AND INDONESIAN GOVTS. (UNCLASS)

COMMENT: ABDON ABLZ DIPLOMAT AND COMPETENT JURIST (AS WELL AS ASPIRANT FOR PRIMIN); APPOINTMENT GOOD OPPORTUNITY ENHANCE IRANIAN PRESTIGE ABROAD. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(5) IRAN-NETHERLANDS: PRINCESS BEATRIX VISIT: CROWN PRINCESS BEATRIX ARRIVED OCT 19, DEPRTED OCT 23; "SEMI-OFFICIAL" GOOD-WILL VISIT (PARTLY PRACTICE RUN FOR QUEEN JULIANA NEXT SPRING) INCLUDED DINNERS WITH SHAH, TOUR EARTHQUAKE AREA. (UNCLASS)

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**2. PSYCHOLOGICAL****A. PRESS**

CUBA DOMINATED NEWS FOLLOWING PRES KENNEDY'S OCT 22 SPEECH. OTHER STORIES: CHICOM-INDIA CLASHES (COMMENT SYMPATHETIC INDIA), IRAN-USSR RELATIONS (IRANDEL TO MOSCOW), OPL NEGOTIATIONS AND HOWARD PAGE VISIT (SEE POLITICAL), BERLIN (SHOWDOWN FEARED AFTER US ELECTIONS), AND PERSIAN GULF SEMINAR (MOSTLY STRAIGHT NEWS). (UNCLASS)

(1) MAJOR PRESS: FRONT-PAGED CUBA EVENTS AND WORLD REACTION INCLUDING UN ACTIVITY, LORD RUSSELL LETTERS, ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS LONDON AND OTHER CITIES. ETTELAAT LUKEWARM RE US ACTION, CONCERNED WITH PRESERVINGHIMPROVED IRAN-USSR RELS ("OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE SIDE DOES NOT IMPLY OR REQUIRE ENMITY TOWARDS OTHER"): URGED IMMEDIATE

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MEETING WORLD LEADERS, SAID IRAN WILL ACCEPT ITS "RESPONSIBILITIES" FOR PEACE (THOUGH NEGLECTED ENUMERATE THEM). KEYHAN SYMPATHETIC TO US, STATED PRES KENNEDY ACTED UNDER STRONG PROVOCATION; APPLAUDED NON-ALLIGNED NATIONS' REQUEST FOR U N THANT-UN MEDIATION. (UNCLASS)

(2) MINOR PRESS: ATESH, PEYQAM EMRUZ VIOLENTLY CRITICAL TO US, CLAIMING US CASE WEAK IN VIEW OF ITS BASES THROUGHOUT WORLD; SCORED PRESIDENT'S "FOOLHARDY AND SELFISH" ACTION RISKING THERMONUCLEAR WAR. FARMAN REVIEWED SOVIET HISTORY OF ARMS-RATTLING FOLLOWED BY RETREAT WHEN MET WITH FORCE. OTHER MINOR PRESS CRITICAL BOTH SIDES, ZEIGGED ONLY FOR PEACE. (UNCLASS)

**B. RADIO**

(1) RADIO IRAN: HEAVY CUBA COVERAGE REDUCED OTHER NEWS TO BRIEF MENTION; SO FAR NO EDITORIAL REACTION. STATION REPORTEDLY DELUGED WITH PHONE CALLS AFTERNOON OCT 24 AFTER REPORTING US-SSR SHIPS MOVING TOWARDS CARIBBEAN SHOWDOWN. (UNCLASS)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW LAMBASTED US QUARANTINE CUBA, AND FORN AID WHICH US GIVES "ONLY TO IMPOSE CONTROL OVER RECIPIENTS" WHILE REQUIRING IT BE SPENT IN US ANYWAY. SAID US FORN POLICY DESCRIBED AS "MAKE BANKRUPT, GIVE LOANS, RULE" BY IRANIAN "SOCIAL CIRCLES". NATIONAL VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN USSR BASED) WELCOMED IRANDEL TO MOSCOW (SEE POLITICAL); SAID CONGRATULATIONS WILL BE EVEN MORE IN ORDER WHEN GOI WITHDRAWS FROM IMPERIALISTS' CENTO AND US BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ADDING THAT IRAN THEN ABLE MASTER IMPERIALISTS' PLUNDERING CONSORTIUM. PEYKE-E

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IRAN (TUDEH PARTY VOICE, EAST BERLIN BASED) HIT US QUARANTINE CUBA AND CONTINUED PERSONAL ATTACKS ON SHAH, SCOFFING AT CURRENT REFORMS & HOAXES. (UNCLASS)  
COMMENT: RM'S "SOCIAL CIRCLES" PROBABLY MEANS AHMAD ARAMESH, FORMER MINLABOR AND DIR PLAN ORG (AND CORRUPT BLACKMAILER, FELLOW-TRAVELER), LONG-TIME USER THIS PHRASE. (CONF)

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) MILITARY REACOION TO US-CUBA-USSR CRISIS: NO IMMEDIATE IIA ACTION TO ALERT BORDER GUARDS OR OTHER TROOPS FOLLOWINGHPRESIDENT'S OCT 22 SPEECH. HOWEVER, EMB HEARS DIRECTIVE NOW ISSUED TO MOVZ SOME IIA UNITS TO WINTER EXERCISE AREAS ONE MONTH EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED (EARLY DEC), BEARING IN MIND WORLD WAR II EXPERIENCE WHEN IIA CAUGHT IN GARRISON QUARTERS; NO ACTUAL MOVEMENT YET OBSERVED. (EMBTel 535) (SECRET)

FORN MIL ATTACHES TEHRAN EVINCE LITTLE INTEREST CUBA, MORE INTEREST CHI-COM-INDIAN CLASHES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) FIRST "DEVELOPMENT BATTALION" ORGANIZED: (WEEKA 40)  
"QAZVIN" DEV BN ORGANIZED, TEMPORARILY STATIONED EARTHQUAKE AREA; REPORTEDLY CONSISTS 500 MDN (UNDER IIA OFFICERS) WHO WILL SERVE PART OF MIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS DOING PUBLIC WORKS. (UNCLASS)

(3) 1ST INF (IMPERIAL GUARDS) DIVISION: (WEEKA 35) NEW GUARDS DIV UNDER MAJGEN OVEISI, UNDERGOING BUILD-UP AS "ELITE" - TROOPS, AWARDED ROYAL NAMES "PAHLAVI" AND "NADERI" FOR DIV'S TWO BRIGADES. HOWEVER, OVEISI REPORTEDLY CRITICAL OF NEWLY-APPOINTED

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWS MURDER LR OFFICIALS NO  
12 MALEK ABEDI, CHIEF FIRUZABAD LR OFC, AMBUSHED AND MURDERED BY ARAB  
GANG ON ROAD OUTSIDE SHIRAZ. GOVT ACTED SWIFTLY: CABINET MET NOV 13,  
BLAMED MURDER ON OBSTRUCTIONIST LANDLORDS, MIN AGR ARSANJANI PROCLAIMED  
IMMED APPLICATION LR LAW ENTIRE FARS PROVINCE. PRIN ALAM NOV 14  
ANNOUNCED MARTIAL LAW FOR SHIRAZ, APPOINTED LTGEN KARIM ARANRAM GOVGEN  
FARS AND BRIGGEN ABBQL ALI URMASZ GOV SHIRAZ; BOTH IMMEDIATELY FLEW  
SHIRAZ TO TAKE CHARGE, ORDERED LOCAL CURFEW. NOV 14 DECLARED NATIONAL  
MOURNING DAY, NOV 15 ALL GOI OFFICES CLOSED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

SHAH NOV 14 HANDED OUT 1200 TITLE DEEDS AT KERMANSHAH AND IN  
SPEECH SPORE AVENGE LR MARTYR AND PUSH LR WITH GREATER VIGOR; ALSO  
SAID GOVT STUDYING SCHEME TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS INVEST IN INDUSTRY  
FUNDS PAID THEM FOR THEIR DISTRIBUTED LANDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ARSANJANI NOV 16 FLEW SHIRAZ WITH SOME 25 TOP MINAGR OFFICIALS  
FOR FULL DAY OF SPEECHES, INSPECTIONS; AT MEMORIAL SERVICE ATTENDED  
BY THOUSANDS MADE SPEECH ATTACKING PLAYBOY-LANDLORDS WHO LIVE OFF  
PEASANTS TOIL, ATTEMPT HIDE CRUEL ACTIONS BEHIND DISGUISE OF RELIGION.  
ANNOUNCED ABEDI'S 7-YEAR-OLD SON TO BECOME SHAH'S WARD, FULLY TO  
HAVE HOUSE AND PENSION, PRESENTED THEM 100,000 RIALS AS FIRST CON-  
TRIBUTION. IIG COMMANDER LTGEN MALEK NOV 17 REPORTEDLY FLEW SHIRAZ  
TO PERSONALLY DIRECT CONTINUING INTENSIVE GENDARMERIE MANHUNT FOR  
KILLERS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GOVT CLAM, CONFIDENT ABILITY HANDLE LANDLORD-CLERGY OPPOSITION  
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NEXT MAJLIS. RE WOMEN'S RIGHTS SAID PRESENT OPPOSITION  
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(A-295) (CONFIDENTIAL)

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CLERGY AGITATION AGAINST LAND REFORM AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS (WEEK 45);  
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DECIDED SOME TIME AGO COULD NOT POSTPONE MAJLIS ELECTIONS INDEFINITELY.  
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LEADERS AND ATTITUDE RE NON-AGR ISSUES NOT YET POSSIBLE PREDICT.  
(CONFIDENTIAL)

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2. PSYCHOLOGICAL  
A. PRESS

UNTIL FROM PAGES SEIZED BY MURDER LAND REFORM OFFICIAL NEAR SHIRAZ, TOP STORIES WERE PRIMIN'S ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT, CHICOM-INDIA CUBA, US ELECTIONS, AND IRAN-USSR RELATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: HEAVY PRO-GOVT COVERAGE MURDER LAND REFORM OFFICIAL, INCLUDING TAPE RECORDING SHAH'S KERMANSHAH-SPEECH, REVIEW LR LAWS, CALL FOR END LANDLORD OPPOSITION IN-EVITABLE LR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW RELATIVELY SPARSE COMMENT IRAN INCLUDED PRAISE FOR 601 SEPT MISSILE DECLARATION AND RECENT IRANDEL TO MOSCOW (SEE POLITICAL), AND FOR "PATRIOTIC FORCES" DESIRE WITHDRAW FROM CENTO AND THERE-BY ESCAPE DANGERS US WARMONGERING; SAID NEW US AID POLICY OFFICIALLY ADMITS US AIM IS INTERFERENCE INTERNAL-AFFAIRS AID-ED COUNTRIES "AS IRANIANS HAVE LONG KNOWN". PEYK-E-IRAN (TUDEH PARTY VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) SAID SHAH PLANNING METHODS RIG ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK BY ALAM; CLAIMED EX-PRIMIN AMINI TOLD FRIENDS HE REFUSED HOLD ELECTIONS BECAUSE KNEW SHAH WOULD RIG THEM TO ELECT OWN CHOICES. SAID LAND REFORM FIRST PROPOSED 41 YEARS AGO BY COMMUNIST PARTY IRAN ("OF WHICH TUDEH IS HEIR"), CALLED FOR TRUE LR IN WHICH LAND GIVEN, NOT SOLD, TO PEASANTS WORKING ON IT. CLAIMED SHAH RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF LR OFFICIAL MURDERED BY LANDOWNERS - SINCE SHAH PROTECTS THEM, WHILE THEY IN TURN ARE SOLE FOUNDATION HIS REGIME. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: MARTIAL LAW FOLLOWS MURDER LR OFFICIAL: NOV 12 MALEK ABEDI, CHIEF FIRUZABAD LR OFC, AMBUSHED AND MURDERED BY ARMED GANG ON ROAD OUTSIDE SHIRAZ. GOVT ACTED SWIFTLY: CABINET MET NOV 13, BLAMED MURDER ON OBSTRUCTIONIST LANDLORDS, MIN AGR ARSANJANI PROCLAIMED IMMEDIATE APPLICATION LR LAW ENTIRE FARS PROVINCE. PRIMIN ALAM NOV 14 ANNOUNCED MARTIAL LAW FOR SHIRAZ, APPOINTED LTGEN KARIM ARAHRAH GOVGEN FARS AND BRIGGEN ABDOL ALI URMASZ GOV SHIRAZ; BOTH IMMEDIATELY FLEW SHIRAZ TO TAKE CHARGE, ORDERED LOCAL CURFEW. NOV 14 DECLARED NATIONAL MOURNING DAY, NOV 15 ALL GOI OFFICES CLOSED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

SHAH NOV 14 HANDED OUT 1200 TITLE DEEDS AT KERMANSHAH AND IN SPEECH SWORE AVENGE LR MARTYR AND PUSH LR WITH GREATER VIGOR; ALSO SAID GOVT STUDYING SCHEME TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS INVEST IN INDUSTRY FUNDS PAID THEM FOR THEIR DISTRIBUTED LANDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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A. ARMY

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ACTION: ACS1

INFO : DCSOP, OSA, OSD, AF, NAVY, STATE, CIA, NSA, DIA  
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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: GOVT'S SHIRAZ SHOW-OF-STRENGTH GOES ON:  
(WEEKA 46) GOVT CONTINUES EXPLOIT NOV 12 MURDER OF LR OFFICIAL  
ABEDI WITH ANTI-LANDLORD SPEECHES AND PRESS STORIES, WELL-PUBLICIZED  
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CAUSE TROUBLE AND RECEIVED THEIR PLEDGES OF LOYALTY TO GOVT, AS  
MURDER INVESTIGATION BEGAN POINT FINGER OF SUSPICION AT MEMBERS  
QASHQAI AND ALLIED TRIBES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: OUR CONSULATE ISFAHAN REPORTS WIDESPREAD FEELING SHIRAZ THAT MURDER COMMITTED BY COMMON BANDITS WHO SHOT ABEDI BECAUSE HE DREW HIS GUN. WHETHER OR NOT THIS TRUE, LANDLORD-MULLAH PLOTTING WAS HEADED FOR VIOLENCE AND SWIFT GOVT EXPLOITATION MURDER (REPORT-EDLY AT INSISTENCE MINAGR ARSANJANI) HAS OBSTRUCTIONISTS OFF BALANCE AND INITIATIVE FIRMLY WITH GOVT FOR PRESENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) 15

(2) NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL APPOINTMENTS: MINISTRY INTERIOR NOV 21 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT 5 GOVSGEN (MEHDI PIRASTEH, KHUZESTAN; AHMAD ALI BANI-ADAM, KERMEN; EBRAHIM PARSAN, ISFAHAN; MOHAMAD FAZAELI, KERMANSHAH; LOTF-ALI QAVANI, SISTAN-BALUCHISTAN) AND 4 INDEPEND GOVS (ALI ASQAR MOHAMADI, LURISTAN; MOHAMAD QAVAM, HAMADAN; AHMAD HOJAT, SEMNAN; MOHAMAD SADEQ NAVAB, BANDAR ABBAS-OMAN PORTS). AT SAME TIME MANSUR KHAJE-NASIRI NAMED PERM UNDERSEC MINISTRY INTERIOR. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: LAND REFORM IMPLEMENTATION WILL REQUIRE HIGH-CALIBRE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVES WHO MAY BE ARMED WITH INCREASED POWERS BY NEW GOVTL DECENTRALIZATION PLAN (WEEKA 41). MAJORITY NOV 21 APPOINTMENTS ARE COMPETENT MININTERIOR CAREER OFFICIALS WHO (ALONG WITH EAST AZERBAIJAN'S INCUMBENT GOVGEN DEHQAN - WEEKA 43) REPRESENT STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) TREASURY CASH BUDGET SURPLUS: THROUGH END 7TH MONTH CURRENT IRANIAN YEAR (OCT 22) TREASURY CASH BUDGET SHOWS SURPLUS OF OVER \$10 MILLION (IN CONTRAST \$29.5 MILLION ANTICIPATED DEFICIT FOR YEAR - WEEKA 33) EVEN THOUGH TREASURY HAS NOT YET USED AUTHORIZATION DIVERT SUBSTANTIAL OIL REVNUES FROM PLANORG. SURPLUS IS DUE UN-EXPECTED INCREASE IN REVNUES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: IMF, IERD AND MANY IRANIAN ECONOMISTS EXPRESS CONCERN RE CURRENT DEFLATIONARY TREASURY POLICIES WHILE NO NEW MAJOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INVESTMENT ACTIVITY APPARENT. (A-301). (LIMITED OFFICAL USE)

(4) OIL: IRANDEL TO OPEC CONFERENCE RIYADH: (WEEKA 45)  
IRANDEL LED BY NIOC DEP CHAIRMAN FUAD RUHANI (SEC GEN OPEC) DEPARTED NOV 21 FOR FIFTH OPEC CONF AT RIYADH, NOW SCHEDULED OPEN NOV 24.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CHIEF TOPICS WILL BE REPORTS ON TALKS BY IRANIANS (WITH CONSORTIUM) AND SAUDIS (WITH ARAMCO) RE OPEC RESOLUTIONS; SUADI OIL MINISTER YAMANI CAME TEHRAN THIS WEEK, DISCUSSED ARAMCO TALKS WITH

GOI AND NIOC OFFICIALS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-EAFTHANISTAN: HELMAND RIVER AND SISTAN DROUGHT: (WEEKA 44)  
FONOFF TOLD EMB AFGHANS INCREASED HELMAND FLOW FROM 4 TO 14 CUBIC METERS PER SECOND FOLLOWING EARLY NOV FONOFF TALKS TEHRAN AND KABUL AND BORDER MEETING OF LOCAL IRANIAN-AFGHAN OFFICIALS; AFGHANS TOLD GOI THIS ACCOMPLISHED BY ASKING AFGHAN PEASANTS USE LESS WATER. INCREASE SLIGHTLY ALLEVIATES DROUGHT HARSHIPS, BUT AS FALL PLANTING SEASON ENDS SISTAN CULTIVATION LIMITED TO 1/4 NORMAL AREA. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
COMMENT: GOI AND AFGHANS AT PRESENT HAV NO FIRM PLANS RESUME NEGOTIATIONS RE PERM SETTLEMENT LONG-STANDING HELMAND DISPUTE, WHICH MAY AGAIN BE ALLOWED LIE DORMANT UNTIL REVIVED BY SPRING FLOODS OR FALL DROUGHT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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A. PRESS

MURDER LR OFFICIAL AGAIN TOP STORY, FOLLOWED BY PRIMIN'S ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT (WEEK 46), CUBA, CHI-COM-INDIA, AND VISITS US SENATORS (CODELS MANSFIELD AND THURMOND). (UNCLASSIFIED)

(1) MAJOR PRESS: RE MURDER, KAYHAN AND KHANDANIHA URGED GOVT UNDERSTAND PROBS BOTH LANDLORDS AND PEASANTS, NOT EXPLOIT MURDER VINDICTIVELY; SAID LANDLORDS IF PROPERLY HANDLED WILL INVEST IN IRANIAN INDUSTRY, BUT IF ABUSED WILL ONLY RESIST MORE, RETARD REFORMS BY POLITICAL MOVES AND REFRAINING FROM INVESTMENT. RE CUBA, NO COMMENT YET ON WITHDRAWAL IL-28 BOMBERS OR CONTINUED US INSISTENCE ON-SITE INSPECTION. RE CHICOM-INDIA EXTENSIVE NEWS AND FEATURE COVERAGE; EDITORIAL SYMPATHY LL WITH INDIA. RE SENATORS VISITS, GOOD ROUTINE COVERAGE, USUAL GUESSING RE REASONS FOR VISITS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) MINOR PRESS: RE MURDER, MORE ONE-SIDED AND EMOTIONAL THAN MAJOR PRESS IN DEMANDING LANDLORD SCALPS. RE SENATORS' VISITS, USUAL EDITORIAL "OPEN-LETTERS" TO VISITORS, STRESSING IRANIAN PRIDE AND IN SEVERAL CASES CRITICIZING "ECONOMY-BURDENING" US LOANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: CONTINUED FOLLOWING GOVT LINE EXPLOITING MURDER LR OFFICIAL (SEE POLITICAL). OTHER COVERAGE ROUTINE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: PEYK-E-IRAN (TUDEH PARTY VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) ATTACKED THOSE NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS WHO REFUSE JOIN TUDEH IN COALITION ALL ANTI-"COUP REGIME" FORCES AND WHO SLANDER

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TUDEH "TO REASSURE THEIR US FRIENDS, LESSEN SHAH'S HOSTILITY, AND INCREASE OWN ACCEPTABILITY"; REPORTED WITH APPROVAL MOSADEQ LETTER TO EUROPEAN NF LEADERS DECLINING TAKE PART "YOUR PAST OR FUTURE AFFAIRS". ALSO ATTACKED CONSERVATIVE CLERGY OPPOSTION TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS(WEEKA 45), NOTING THAT RULING CLASS MAY USE IT STOP SHAH AND ALAM'S "HALF-HEARTED" LAND REFORM AS WELL AS ENCOURAGE SHAH "CONTINUE DENY WOMEN THEIR RIGHTS"; WARNED THAT ONLY A "REAL CLERGY" WHICH DEFENDS OPPRESSED AGAINST CRUEL LANDOWNERS AND SHAH MERITS PEOPLE'S RESPECT. APPROVED BETTERMENT IRAN-USSR RELATIONS, CLAIMED IT CONSISTENT WITH TUDEH'S OPPOSITION SHAH (BUT DID NOT EXPLAIN HOW). RADIO MOSCOW: MONITORED BROADCASTS DID NOT MENTION IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) ANTI-CORRUPTION: RETIRED BRIGGEN SIAVUSH SIAHPUSH WAS ARRESTED NOV 20 BY ORDER ARMY PROSECUTOR'S OFC FOLLOWING 3-HOUR INTERROGATION; SIAHPUSH WAS AIR FORCE OFFICER BUT DUTIES WERE LARGELY WITH ARMY ARSENAL DEPT (EG, TECH ASST TO ARMAMENNTS CHIEF). RETIRED GEN ABDOLLAH HEDAYAT (FORMER CHIEF SCS) ALSO QUESTIONED NOV 19 BUT NOT DETAINED (SEE WEEKA 35), APPEARS CONVICTED MAJGEN KHAZAI AND CO-DEFENDANTS (WEEKA 35, 38, 40) REPORTEDLY COMES BEFORE ARMY COURT OF APPEALS NEXT WEEK. (CONFIDENTIAL) SIGNED HOLMES

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(1) Land reform: Govt's Shiraz show-of-strength goes on:  
(Week 46) Govt continues exploit Nov 12 murder of LR Official  
Abedi with anti-landlord speeches and press stories, well-  
publicized roundup of suspects (which not yet completed), and  
loud preparations implement LR throughout FARs province; new  
Gov Gen Varahram instructed to continue Martial Law several more  
days Shiraz.

Please correct page 4 lines 11 and 12 to read as follows:

Re ChiCom-India extensive news and feature coverage;  
editorial sympathy all with India.

NOTE: Corrections underlined.

ACTION: ACS!

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: LIMITED LR FOR VAQF LANDS: SHAH AT MESHED, HANDED OUT 1ST LR DEEDS KHORASAN PROVINCE; ANNOUNCED IN SPEECH DEC 11 AT SHRINE OF IMAM REZA THAT SHRINE'S VAQF (RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENT) LANDS (APPR 600 VILLAGES KHORASAN) TO BE LEASED DIRECTLY TO PEASANTS ON LONG-TERM (99-YEAR) BASIS. MINAGR ARSANJANI DEC 12 SAID LR TEAMS NEXT WEEK WILL BEGIN PREPARING VAQF LANDS FOR "LEASED" DISTRIBUTION, FORMING CO-OPS AS WITH PRIVATE LANDS DISTRIBUTED; ALSO SAID CABINET DECREE "SOON" WILL EXTEND LR TO ALL ENDOWED LAND, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE (EST 6000 VILLAGES). MEANWHILE, SHIRAZ MARTIAL LAW AND GENDARMERIE MANHUNT GO ON. (UNCLAS) COMMENT: VAQF LANDS HAVE BEEN RENTED TO LANDLORDS WHO KEEP

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INCOME (INCLUDING PEASANTS, DUES), PAY RENT TO CLERGY; GOVT  
APPARENTLY HOPES GIVE LR BENEFITS TO VAQF PEASANTS WITHOUT  
DISTURBING CLERGY'S RENTAL INCOME (OR CLERGY). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) OIL: GOI NOT SEEKING REVENUE ADVANCE THIS TIME;  
GOVT WILL NOT ASK ADVANCE ON CONSORTIUM'S JAN

15 QUARTERLY OIL

REVENUE PAYMENT (FOR FIRST TIME SINCE EARLY 1960 -  
WEEK 29, 38),

DUE TO COMFORTABLE TREASURY CASH POSITION (A-360, 368). (CONF)

B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-USSR: SOVDEL TO TEHRAN; PRESS DEC 15  
REPORTED SOVDEL HEADED BY DEPFONMIN SERGE LAPIN TO ARRIVE DEC 19  
EXCHANGE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS MAY 1957 BORDER AGREEMENT (NOT  
1954 AGREEMENT REPORTED WEEK 49) AND PERHAPS DISCUSS POSSIBLE  
DAM CONSTRUCTION BORDER RIVERS ATRAK AND ARAXES. (UNCLAS)

(2) IRAN-AFGHAN: SUPPLEMENT TO TRANSIT AGREEMENT: (WEEK 49)  
THIS WEEK SUPPL AGREEMENT TO FEB 1962 TRANSIT AGREEMENT CON-  
CLUDED, APPROVED BY GOI CABINET. MINCOMMERCE OFFICIAL TOLD EMB ALL  
TRANSIT PROBS "SOLVED". TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT REPORTEDLY  
PAYMENTS, CUSTOMS, TRUCKING FACs SIMPLIFIED FOR AFGHANS. (OFFICIAL  
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2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) TOP STORIES: LAND REFORM, LITERACY CORPS (IDEA  
PRAISED), CHICOM-USSR DISCORD (INTEREST REVIVED), CHICOM-INDIA

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(INTEREST WANING), AZERBAIJAN DAY, AND DEC 6 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION.

RE LR, PEY-QAM EMRUZ, BAMSHAD ET AL JOINED MINAGR ARSANJANI'S  
ATTACK ON ALLEGED STATEMENTS OF DR MATIN-DAFTARI CALLING LR  
RRN "VIOLATION UN DECLARATION HUMAN RIGHTS" (LATTER CLAIMS PRESS  
MISQUOTED HIM). RE AZERBAIJAN DAY, USUAL PATRIOTISM; ETELAAT  
REFERRED TO "NORTHERN NEIGHBORS" AS LATEST TO FIND IRAN DETER-  
MINED DEFEND SELF. RE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION (WEEKA 49), KHANDANIHA  
PRAISED PRIMIN ALAM'S TOLERANCE OF OPPOSITION, AND ORDERLINESS,  
RESTRAINT OF STUDENTS, POLICE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: AZERBAIJAN DAY SPEECHES, ETC. (UNCLAS)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW HIT GERMAN,

UK, US MONOPOLISTS (EG, MORRISON-KNUDSEN) WHO PLUNDER IRAN, EXPLOIT  
PRIVILEGES GRANTED BY GOI TO ATTRACT CAPITAL; SUGGESTED FEWER  
PRIVILEGES, CLOSER RELS WITH SOCIALIST STATES (WHO WISH BUT TO  
HELP). NATIONAL VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE-PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-  
BASED) SAID LIBERAL BUT UNEMFORCED LAWS NO HELP TO POOR IRANIAN  
WORKERS; MINLABOR OFFICIALS MUST TAKE REAL STEPS IMPROVED COND-  
ITIONS. LIKEWISE, IF GOVT SINCERE RE LR, MUST PURGE SELF OF FEUD-  
ALISTS. PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEH VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) LAUDED NAT  
RONT PAMPHLET AND DEC 6 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION (WEEKA 49); URGED  
NF NOT EXPECT SHAH WILLINGLY UNSEAT SELF BY HAVING FREE ELECTIONS,  
AND NOT TO FEAR TUDEH "FRIENDS". (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) FREE VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-  
BASED) SAID SHAH THREATENS FIRE SECURITY CHIEFS IF NO ARRESTS MADE

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SOON RE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASSIFIED)

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) AZERBAIJAN DAY: ANNUAL MIL PARADE (COMMEMORATING 1946 LIBERATION AZERBAIJAN, HELD DEC 12 IN PRESENCE SHAH. (UNCLAS) COMMENT: PARADE WELL PLANNED, REHEARSED, CONDUCTED. MANY TANKS, OTHER VEHICLES TOOK PART, FUNCTIONED EXTREMELY WELL. PLANNED PARATROOP DROP AND IIAF FLY-OVER CANCELED DUE WEATHER. (UNCLAS)

(2) IIA ASSIGNMENTS: PRESS REPORTED FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS: MAJGEN ALI RUHANI, DEP CG 1ST ARMY; MAJGEN EBRAHIM MOBAYAN, DEP CG 2ND ARMY; BRIGGEN MOHAMAD ZARGAM, CG 9TH DIV; BRIGGEN HASAN RAISIAN, CG 4TH BRIG; BRIGGEN ABBAS GHAZIRAD, CG 5TH BRIG. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: RUHANI, RAISIAN KNOWN AS EXCELLENT OFFICERS. (CONFIDENTIAL) SGD HOLMES

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) PRIMIN TOURS SOUTHERN PROVINCES; PRIMIN ALAM DEC 19  
BEGAN 5-DAY TOUR OF SOUTH; WILL INSPECT BANDAR ABBAS, OTHER PORTS,  
REVIEW PLANS DEVELOP REGION (SEE ITEM). STOPPED IN SHIRAZ (WHERE  
MARTIAL LAW GOES ON); PRAISED LAND REFORM'S RAPID PROGRESS FAR PRO-  
VINCE AS BEST WAY ATONE FOR ABEDI'S MURDER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) DEVELOPMENT; GOVT TALKS OF NEW MEASURES: PRIMIN ALAM,

OFFICIALS PUBLICIZING NEW MEASURES, ESPECIALLY: (1) CONSTRUCTION

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(EG, IRI AND OTHER BUILDING, USING \$6.3 MILLION FROM PL-480 SALES; COMPLETION OF FINISHED GOVT BUILDINGS, USING \$6.3 MILLION FROM REGULAR GOVT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET). (2) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (EG, SOUTHERN

HIGHWAYS AND BANDAR ABGAL PORT, USING \$20 MILLION EAR-MARKED FROM 3RD PLAN; PROPOSED \$6.6 MILLION SOUTHERN FISHERIES CO). ALSO LITERACY CORPS (FIRST 25% OF 10,000 DRAFTEE-TEACHERS TO BE CALLED THIS WEEK, USING \$133,000 FROM PLAN ORG PLUS UNSPECIFIED FUNDS FROM

DEFENSE, EDUCATION MINS). (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MEASURES AIM AT REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT WITH CONSTRUCTION (THOUGH ONLY WITHIN BUDGET LIMITS), AND SHOWING THAT GOVT SPREADING DEV ALL REGIONS. BUT DEV PLANS REMAIN MODEST (3RD PLAN EXPECTED SPEND ONLY \$69-106 MILLION OUT OF \$133 MILLION BUDGET AUTHORIZATION 2ND HALF 1341), AND LIT CORPS PLANNING AND FINANCING STILL VAGUE (SALARIES ALONE FOR 10,000 CORPSMEN WILL COST ESTD \$5.3 MILLION PER YEAR, FAR ABOVE PRESENT FUNDING). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) NATIONAL FRONT CONGRESS: NF WILL HOLD CONGRESS TEHRAN DEC 25-31; APPR 200 DELEGATES EXPECTED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: SAVAK DIR PAKRAVAN TOLD US OBSERVER CONGRESS TO BE ALLOWED IN ORDER EXPOSE TO PUBLIC NF WEAKNESSES (NIT 6244). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) ANTI-CORRUPTION: APPEAL OF FISHERIES, KHAZAI CASES: SUP COURT DEC 13 ORDERED RETRIAL OF LAST DEC'S CONVICTION 6 FORMER OFFICIALS IRAN FISHERIES CO (1961 WEEKA 51). APPEAL OF FORMER ARMY ORD-

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MINIST CHIEF KHAZAI (CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT -WEEKS 40) PRODUCED  
ACCUSATION KHAZAI LIED TO SHAH RE EXTENT HIS PROPERTY. (UNCLAS)  
COMMENT: FISHERIES CONVICTIONS WERE SUPPOSEDLY SOLID ACHIEVEMENT OF  
MUCH-TOUTED ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN; NOW MINJUSTICE OFFICIAL TELLS  
EMB THAT DEFENDANTS EXPECTED BE ACQUITTED IN RETRIAL. SOME HIGH-  
RANKING OFFICERS REPORTEDLY TRYING GET KHAZAI TRIAL NULLIFIED TO  
AVOID OWN EXPOSURE IN COURTROOM FIREWORKS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) 1342 BUDGET PREPARATIONS: MINFIN OFFLS TOLD EMB THAT MIN  
NOW EXAMINING GOVT AGENCIES' 1342 BUDGET ESTIMATES, DEADLINE FOR CAB-  
INET PERUSAL IS FEB 21 (ONE MONTH PRIOR IRANIAN NEW YEAR). EXPECT  
NO MAJOR CHANGES TAX LAWS, BUT DECREE BEING DRAFTED IMPROVE TAX ADM.

ALSO, VIRTUALLY AUTONOMOUS SPECIAL ACCOUNTS MAINTAINED BY MANY AGEN-  
CIES MAY BE CONSOLIDATED WITH REGULAR BUDGET. (A-383) (OFFICIAL  
USE ONLY)

COMMENT: IF FEB 21 DEADLINE MET, WOULD BE SEVERAL MONTHS' IMPROVE-  
MENT OVER PAST 2 YEARS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(6) OIL: OPEC APPROVAL BY UN, GOI: PRESS REPORTED (A) UN  
APPROVED OPEC FOR REGISTRATION AS INTER-GOVTL ORG, AND (B) GOI  
CABINET APPROVED OPEC RESOLUTIONS OF 5TH CONF RIYADH. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: MEMBER IRANDEL OPEC CONF SAID RESOLUTIONS URGE FURTHER NEG-  
OTIATIONS WITH CONSORTIUM AND ARAMCO, EXTENSION SEGGER RUHANI'S TERM,  
AND RECONVENING 5TH CONF RIYADH IN APRIL; ALSO CONTAIN 1963 BUDGET.  
TO BE PUBLISHED DEC 23 ALL OPEC COUNTRIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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(1) IRAN-USSR; SOVDEL IN TEHRAN; SOVDEL HEADED BY DEFORMIN  
LAPIN DEC 19 ARRIVED TEHRAN EXCHANGE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS 1957  
BORDER AGREEMENT (AND PERHAPS DISCUSS TECHNICAL COOPERATION - WEEKA  
50); PLANS VISITS PERSEPOLIS, ISFAHAN, KARAJ DAM, ETC, AND DEC 23

TALKS WITH SHAH; TO DEPART DEC 24. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) IRAN-VENEZUELA; VENEZUELAN EMBASSY FOR TEHRAN; PRESS  
DEC 18 REPORTED VENEZUELAN DIPLOMAT RAFAEL MACIAS-JEREZ (WITH RANK  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES) IN TEHRAN TO OPEN NEW EMBASSY. (UNCLAS)  
COMMENT: MACIAS HAS BEEN HERE SEVERAL WEEKS, IS FORMER EMPLOYEE  
CREOLE PETROLEUM (ESSO). VENEZUELAN, WHOSE MIN TO IRAN HAS BEEN  
RESIDENT BEIRUT, WANT EMB IN TEHRAN DUE TO INTEREST IN OIL AFFAIRS,  
OPEC. GOI POSTPONED OWN PLANS FOR EMB CARACAS LAST YEAR DUE TO FIN  
DIFFICULTIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) TOP STORIES: US-UK (NASSAU TALKS AND SKYBOLT). US-USSR  
(PRES KENNEDY'S DEC 17 TV REMARKS RE KHRUSHCHEV GOT HEADLINES), AND  
ALAM-GOVT PUBLICITY RE DEVELOPMENT (SEE POLITICAL). (UNCLAS)

(2) OTHER STORIES: GOVT-NATIONAL FRONT; FERDOWSI (LARGE CIRC  
MAG) APPROVED GOVT'S TACTFUL HANDLING DEC 6 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION

(WEEKA 49); SEPID-O-SIAH, SEVERAL OTHERS SAID GOVT TALKS WITH NF

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LEADERS (CENTRAL AND POINT OF RE LEADERS) QUARREL WITH STUDENTS, OTHER  
RE GROUPS (WHO MAY LEADERS SEEK GOVT POSITIONS AND PROTEST LEAD-  
ERS' SILENCE RE CENYO, WOMEN'S RIGHTS ISSUES AND VACILLATING ATTIT-  
TUDS RE LAND REFORM). SHIRAZ MARTIAL LAW; SEDAYE MARDOM URGED END  
THIS "UNWARRANTED PUNISHMENT" INNOCENT POPULATION. (UNCLAS)

## B. RADIO

- (1) RADIO IRAN: FEATURED DRAFT 1ST LIT CORPSMEN. (UNCLAS)
  - (2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW NOTED KHRUSHCHEV'S  
RECENT PRAISE IRAN-USSR FRIENDSHIP, FORESAW MORE TRADE, EXCHANGES.  
TUITTED CHICOMS BY TERMING SOVDEL NOW IN TEHRAN (SEE POLITICAL) "GOOD  
EXAMPLE FOR THOSE GOVTS WITH BORDER DISPUTES". PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEN  
VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) SAID PRES KENNEDY'S "IMPUDENT" STATEMENT  
THAT IRAN WOULD COLLAPSE WITHOUT US AID DISGRACES IRAN BEFORE WORLD  
BUT USEFULLY REVEALS SHAH AS ALMS-BEGGING PUPPET. (UNCLASSIFIED)
  - (3) FREE VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED)  
AGAIN BLAMED SHAH, RULING CLASS FOR DEATH OF LR OFFICIAL ABEDI; AS  
USUAL, URGED REVOLUTION. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASSIFIED)
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A. ARMY

(1) HEJAZI TO BE REPLACED?: REPORTS INDICATE GEN HEJAZI (NOW VISITING LONDON) SOON TO BE REPLACED AS CHIEF SCS. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
COMMENT: FRONT RUNNERS FOR JOB GENs BATHANGELICH AND RIAHI; OTHER POSSIBILITIES MS AZIMI, AZIZI, HALEK (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) IIA REORGANIZATION: PROGRESS IN LOGS-ADMIN COMMAND:  
(WEAKA 41,27 ET AL) SHAH HAS APPROVED STAFF PERSONNEL SPACES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS; STAFF GETTING ORGANIZED UNDER MAJGEN FAZELI (DEP CG), BUT NOT YET FUNCTIONING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NOT YET DECIDED WHE534 )-A COMMAND WILL CONTROL COMBAT UNITS FOR INTERNAL DEFENSE; PROBABLY WILL END UP BEING RESTRICTED TO LOGISTIC CONTROL OF TECH SERVICE ACTIVITIES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) IMPERIAL GUARDS STRENGTHENED: 11TH TK BN AND 112 TH A/C BN ATTACHED TO 1ST IMP GUARD DIV (WEAKA 43). (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: UNITS BELONG TO L-A COMMAND; THEIR ATTACHMENT INDICATES TREND CONSOLIDATE TEHRAN UNITS UNDER ONE COMMAND, INSURE ITS POSITION AS STRONGEST IN ARMY.

NEW SOVIETASST MIL ATTACHE: COL VICTOR I NIEUNAN (ASST MIL ATTACHE HERE 1956-60) RECENTLY ARRIVED TO REPLACE COL MALYGIN, WHO RETURNED USER (WIFE HAS CANCER). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) ANTI-CORRUPTION: JHAZAI APPEAL: (SEE POLITICAL)

SIGNED HOLMES

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NOTE: MESSAGE RELAYED TO WHITE HOUSE

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) LAND REFORM: PEASANT CONGRESS ENDS: (WEEKA 2) FARMERS  
FIRST NATION-WIDE CONVENTION ENDED JAN 15 TEHRAN AFTER WEEK OF EMOT-  
TIONAL AND COLORFUL SESSIONS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, LATE-EVENING BAR-  
RACKS DISCUSSIONS. FULL SESSION APPROVED LONG LIST COMMITTEE PROPO-  
SALS RE NEED STRENGTHEN CO-OPS, CREATE STRONG MARKETING, SUPPGS  
CHANNELS, AND RESOLVED THAT "IRAN'S ECON, SOCIAL STRUCTURE BE RE-  
BUILT TO BENEFIT FARMER, WORKER CLASSES", PROMISED SUPPORT CONSTITU-  
TIONAL MONARCHY AND OPPOSE SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: CONGRESS IMPRESSIVE GOVT SUCCESS WHICH (1) SHOW STRONG  
SUPPORT MAJORITY POPULATION FOR BOTH LR AND GOVT RESPONSIBLE, AND  
(2) TENDS OVERSHADOW, ISOLATE NATIONALIST OPPOSITION, REFUTE NAT

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(2) LAND REFORM: AMENDED LAW HITS SMALL LANDOWNERS: CABINET JAN 17 AMENDED LR LAW SO THAT SINGLE VILLAGE OWNERS NO LONGER EXEMPT FROM DISTRIBUTION; NOW WITHIN MONTH MUST CHOOSE EITHER (1) SELL VILLAGES TO PEASANTS, (2) RENT THEM FOR CASH, OR (3) DISTRIBUTE THEM ON BASIS PRESENT CROP-SHARES. EXCEPTIONS ARE MECHANIZED FARMS (UP TO 500 HECTARES) AND RICE FIELDS (MAX 30 HECTARES). (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: WIDESPREAD BITTERNESS AMONG SMALL LANDOWNERS, WHO FEEL GOVT BETRAYED ASSURANCES THAT LR AIMED ONLY AT LARGE LANDOWNERS, SHOULD SWELL RANKS OF DISSIDENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) LAND REFORM: SHAH IN ZANJAN: SHAH JAN 16 AT ZANJAN (IN EAST AZERBAIJAN) HANDED OUT 7500 DEEDS; IN SPEECH ANNOUNCED HE WILL SOON GIVE OVER CROWN FORDFT HN MINISTRY AGR WITHOUT COMPENSATION. MINAGR ARSANJANI ALSO ON HAND FOR SPEECHMAKING. (UNCLASSIFIED) NDUM RE (4) SHAH'S REFERENDUM GOVT JAN 12 ANNOUNCED REFE 6-POINT REFORM PROGRAM (WEEKA 2) TO BE COMPLETED NATION-WIDE IN ONE DAY JAN 26; MALE SUFFRAGE AS IN PAST MAJLIS ELECTIONS. PRESS FRONT-PAGED SPEECHES BY SHAH, ARSANJANI URGING STRONG YES VOTE. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: MAIN DISSIDENT GROUPS, BOTH RIGHTIST (MULLAHS, LANDLORDS) AND LEFT-OF-CENTER (NAT FRON), REPORTED FEVERISHLY DEVISING PLANS TRY RETRIEVE INITIATIVE SEIZED BY GOVT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) OIL: ANOTHER RECORD QUARTERLY PAYMENT: (WEEKA 43) CON-ORTIUM 4TH QUARTER (SEPT-DEC) PAID GOI RECORD HIGH \$88.1 MILLION. 1962 TOTAW NOW \$335 MILLION, INCLUDING \$10 MILLION "REFINERY UPLIFT" SETTLEMENT (WEEKA 12)(1961: \$290 MILLION, NOT INCLUDING SETTLEMENT);

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OPERATING COMPANIES' INCOME TAXES WILL ADD ABOUT \$7 MILLION MORE.  
GOI OIL REVENUES FOR IRANIAN YEAR 1341 (ENDS MAR 20) SHOULD BE WELL  
ABOVE GOI BUDGET ESTIMATE OF \$307 MILLION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-UNITED NATIONS: IIAF JETS FOR ONUC: FOUR IIAF F-86  
FIGHTER AIRCRAFT (WITH 2 FLANELOADS CREWMAN, PARTS) JAN 16 FLEW TO  
CONGO TO JOIN UN FORCES (WEEK 1). (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) IRAN-CZECH: TRADE TEAM HERE: CZECH TEAM ARRIVED TEHRAN  
AN 13 FOR WEEK (AND 1 DAY ISFAHAN, MARKET FOR TEXTILE MACHINERY);  
HOPES EXPAND BI-LAT TRADE, DISCUSS NEW BARTER AGREEMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: IRAN-CZECH TRADE BASED 9, 3/XXXXX ON EXTEOSSRS (BEING  
SERVICED) AGREEMENT WHICH  
EXPIRED 9 MONTHS AGO. IRAN WANTS EXPORT MORE DRIED FRUIT; CZECHS  
REPORTEDLY SEEK MORE COTTON, BUT IRAN RELUCTANT BARTER THIS TOP CASH  
CROP AND SUSPECTS COTTON BEING RESOLD WEST EUROPE. AGREEMENT NOT  
LIKELY NOW, BUT SPRING TALKS SCHEDULED PRAGM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) STORIES: PEASNAT CONGRESS TOP STORY; PRESS, LED BY KAY-  
HAN, ETTELAAT FILLED WITH NEWS, EDITORIAL PRAISE CONGRESS AND SHAH,  
ARSANJANI. REFERENDUM CONTINUES GET HEAVY SUPPORT, THOUGH KAYHAN,  
KHANDANIAH EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS RE WORKERS' PROFIT-SHARING,  
NECESSITY VOTE YES OR NO RE ENTIRE 6 POINTS. US-USSR FELT BY ETTE-  
LAAT, SEPID-O-SIAH MOVING CLOSER AS US-UK MOVE APART. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(1) RADIO IRAN: EMPHASIZED PEASANT CONGRESS; REBROADCAST SPEECHES SHAH, ARSANJANI, CO-OP LEADERS, DESCRIBED WORK OF CONGRESS, REPORTED FAVORABLE FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC REACTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW SAID MINAGR ARSANJANI IN SPEECH TO PEASNAT CONGRESS CRITICIZED US ADVISORS, CITING ONE WHO, THOUGH IGNORANT OF ISLAM, TRIED ADVISE HIM LAND REFORM IS AGAINST ISLAM. NAT VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, USSR-BASED) ADVISED IRANIANS VOTE FOR SHAH'S REFERENDUM; EVEN THOUGH ITS REFORMS INADEQUATE AND OVERDUE, AT LEAST STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION. PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEH VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) DENIED SHAH'S REMARKS TO PEASANT CONGRESS RE FAST PROGRESS; SAID SHAH PERMITTING MINIMUM SHOW OF REFORM TO TRY STAVE OFF REVOLUTION, BUT PEOPLE MUST CONTINUE STRUGGLE TO DESTROY RULING CLASS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ARSANJANI IN SPEECH REFERRED TO "FOREIGN" NOT "US" ADVISORS, LATER EXPRESSLY DENIED HE INTENDED IMPLY "US". (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 3. MILITARY

### A. ARMY

(1) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KHAZAI APPEAL TRIAL (WEEK 1 ET AL) DRONES ON; DEFENDANTS HURLING CHARGES AT EACH OTHER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PREPARATIONS FOR TRIAL GEN HEDAYAZ (WEEK 2) CONTINUING; MAY BE DIVIDED SEVERAL PARTS, STARTING WITH CHARGE ARISING FROM CONSTRUCTION SCS AND GEOGRAPHIC DEPT BUILDING TEHRAN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: MIL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONTINUES MOVE SLOWLY, WITH MORE PRESS COVERAGE THAN REAL PROGRESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) SGD HOLMES

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) REFORMS: GOVT CRACKS DOWN ON DISTURBANCES: AD HOC ALLIANCE MULLAHS, LANDLORDS, NAT FRONT JAN 22 BEGAN 3 DAYS INTENSE ANTI-LAND REFORM, ANTI-REFERENDUM AGITATION (PROCLAMATION BY LEADING AYA-TOLLAHS, MULLAH-INSTIGATED CLOSING TEHRAN BAZAAR, DISTURBANCES IN OTHER CITIES, ATTEMPTED NAT FRONT DEMONSTRATION TEHRAN, RALLY BY FEW HUNDRED UNIV TEHRAN-STUDENTS WITH "REFORM YES, SHAH'S DICTATORSHIP NO" SIGNS, ETC. SHAH UNTIMIDATED, GOVT CRACKED DOWN HARD WITH VARIETY MEASURES (PRO-REFERENDUM PEASANTS AND OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS TRUCKED INTO TEHRAN, OTHER CITIES, SHOWS OF STRENGTH BY SECURITY FORCES, ARREST REPORTED 35 NF LEADERS, 100 MULLAHS, ET AL, OPENING TEHRAN BAZAAR ON FRIDAY HOLIDAY, BLOCKING NF DEMONSTRATION, ETC)

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WHICH PRESERVED ORDER AND QUELLED DISSIDENTS' HOPES OF SPOILING MASS-  
IVE YES VOTE IN JAN 26 REFERENDUM (SEE ITEM).

AWAM, ARSANJANI SPEECHES WARNED DISSIDENTS OF GOVT'S RESOLVE.  
SHAH JAN 24 WENT QOM CONFRONT MULLAHS IN THEIR CITADEL, AT HOLY  
SHRINE DISTRIBUTED LR DEEDS AND MADE STRONGEST SPEECH YET TO CHEER-  
ING THROG 30,000; IN PIOUS MULLAH-STYLE JARGON ASSERTED LR PART OF  
MODERN ISLAM, ATTACKED "PARASITES" WHO LIVE OFF INCOME CHURCH PROPER-  
TIES AND "BLACK REACTIONARIES" SUCH AS NF WHO "100 PERCENT MORE DAN-  
GEROUS THAN STUDENTS AND WHO "ADMIRE NASSER'S OPPRESSIVE EGYPT".

SCATTERED SCUFFLING TEHRAN (EG, PRO-SHAH DEMONSTRATORS JAN 24  
CHASED STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS FROM UNIV TEHRAN AND REMOVED ANTI-SHAH  
SIGNS, POLICE JAN 25 DISPERSED WOULD-BE NF DEMONSTRATORS); MASSIVE  
PRO-SHAH RALLY JAN 25, FOLLOWED BY CRUISING BUSLOADS SEVERAL THOUS-  
AND CHEERING WORKERS AND PEASANTS ARMED WITH STICKS, INTIMIDATED FUR-  
THER DISSIDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. TEHRAN STORES OUTSIDE BAZAAR STAYED  
OPEN AS USUAL. (EMBTELS 628,629,631,632,633,636) (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: STATE SECURITY NOT ENDANGERED. SHAH, GOVT RESOLVE BACKED  
BY WELL-ORGANIZED DISPLAY POPULAR SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO GOVT; MULLAHS  
SHOWED UNEXPECTED WEAKNESS IN CONFRONTATION INVITED BY THEM. SHAH  
KNOW APPEARS ENJOY UNPRECEDENTED DEGREE SELF-CONFIDENCE. (KONF)

(2) SHAH'S REFERENDUM: LANDSLIDE YES VOTE: (WEEK 3) LARGE  
(5 MILLION) ENTHUSIASTIC VOTER TURNOUT (MAJORITY LOWER CLASS BUT SUR-  
PRISING PROPORTION MERCHANTS, MIDDLE CLASS) JAN 26 GAVE 99 PERCENT  
APPROVAL SHAH'S 6-POINT REFORM PROGRAM. NO ANTI-REFERENDUM DISTURB-  
ANCES MARRED DAY (SEE ITEM), TEHRAN BAZAAR OPEN AND CROWDED, UNIV

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TEHRAN QUIET WITH SECURITY FORCE DIMINISHED; IN TEHRAN SOUND RUCKS,

PARADES, BUSLOADS PRO-SHAH WORKERS AND PEASANTS EXHORTED PEOPLE VOTE. REPORTEDLY OVER 200,000 WOMEN VOTED FOLLOWING ELECTION-MORNING RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT INVITING THEM, DESPITE PROMISE THEIR VOTES BE COUNTED SEPARATELY FROM MEN'S; MOST USED SPECIAL POLLING PLACES, THOUGH IN TEHRAN SOME OBSERVED VOTING WITH MEN. (EMBTELS 637,641) (CONF)  
COMMENT: SHAH ACHIEVED OBJECTIVE, MASSIVE VOTER ENDORSEMENT. WHILE CHOICE LIMITED TO OPEN SELECTION YES OR NO BALLOT RE ENTIRE JY-POINT PACKAGE, POPULARITY OF LAND REFORM (WHICH DOMINATED OTHER 5 POINTS IN VOTERS' MINDS) AND GOVT'S WELL-ORGANIZED ELECTIONEERING ENSURED SUB-

STAMPEDE TACTICS AND AS ANOTHER ANTI-MULLAH BLOW BY SHAH. (CONF)

(3) LAND REFORM: SHAH JAN 24 DISTRIBUTED 500 LR DEEDS AT QOM (CENTER OF ANTI-LR MULLAHS) AND MADE STRONGEST REFORMIST SPEECH YET (SEE ITENS1); JAN 24 DONATED ALL ROYAL FORESTS TO MINAGR JKWEEKA 3) AND TRANSFERRED HIS REMAINING LANDS TO GOVT FOR DISTRIBUTION.

IRIMIN ALAM JAN 22 TOLD PRESS OF OPPOSITION BY AYATOLLAH BEHBEHANI, BROUGHT TO HEAD BY JAN 17 AMENDMENT (WEEKA 3) WHICH EXTENDED LR TO RELIGIOUS VAQF LANDS AS PROMISED BY SHAH DEC 11 (WEEKA 50); ALAM DENIED THIS CONTRA TO ISLAM, WARNED IT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

SHIRAZ MARTIAL LAW ENDED BY GOVGEN VARAHRAM. MEANWHILE, PRESS REPORTED EX-GOVGEN FULADVAND (REPLACED AFTER ABEDI KILLING - WEEKA 46) AND 4 OTHER LANDLORDS ARRESTED FOR ANTI-LR ACTIVITIES. (UNCLAS)

(4) REFORMS: ELECTORAL LAW CHANGED: GOVT DECREE JAN 14 AMENDED MAJLIS ELECTION REGULATIONS 3 WAYS: (A) VOTER REGISTRATION AND ISSUANCE ELECTORAL CARDS; (B) NATION-WIDE COMPLETION ELECTIONS

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IN ONE DAY: (C) SUBSTITUTION OF FARMERS, WORKERS FOR LANDOWNERS,

"NOBLES" ON SUPERVISORY COUNCILS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CHANGES (PATTERNED AFTER MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS) SHOULD SIMPLIFY, IMPROVE ADMIN MAJLIS ELECTIONS. WOMEN SUFFRAGE NOT INCLUDED.

DECREE ONE OF 6 POINTS IN REFERENDUM; GOVT THEREBY TRYING CIRCUMVENT SUPREME COURT OPINION (TO AMINI) THAT ELECTORAL LAW CHANGES REQUIRE MAJLIS APPROVAL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(5) REFORMS: FORESTS NATIONALIZED: CABINET DECREE JAN 17 NATIONALIZED FORESTS; PROVIDED FOR REIMBURSEMENT PRIVATE OWNERS, CHARGED FORESTRY DEPT WITH MANAGEMENT, EXPLOITATION. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: DECREE INCLUDED IN 6-POINT REFERENDUM. COMPANION DECREE EXPECTED SOON RE FOREST CONSERVATION, PROTECTION. FORESTRY DEPT ROLE AND INCREASED BUDGETARY NEEDS NOT YET SPELLED OUT. (UNCLAS)

(6) ECONOMIC CONGRESS N AGAIN: PRIMIN ALAM JAN 23 TOLD TEHRAN CHAMBER COMMERCE THAT RECENTLY-POSTPONED ECON CONGRESS (WEEK 1) TO MEET AFTER END RAMAZAN (FEB 26) TO STABILIZE NATIONS ECON POLICIES. SAID REFORMS WOULD LEAD TO PROSPERITY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: BUSINESS ACTIVITY, NEW INVESTMENT AT STANDSTILL DUE UNSETTLING EFFECTS LAND REFORM AND WORKER PROFIT-SHARING, PLUS RUMORS GOVT PLANS DISTRIBUTE URBAN PROPERTY, BANK DEPOSITS, ETC. MORE THAN OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS NEEDED TO AWAKEN IT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(7) AMINI BACK IN TOWN: EX-PRIMIN AMINI JAN 25 RETURNED TEHRAN FROM GENEVA "TO ATTEND TO PERSONAL BUSINESS". (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: AMINI REPORTEDLY LOOKED FOR CHANGE OF GOVT AFTER REFERENDUM.

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CAME BACK TO BE "AVAILABLE". IF SO, RE ERRED. (EMBTEL 634) (CONF)

B. EXTERNAL

(1) IRAN-US: LOAN FOR BANDAR ABBAS PORT: PLAN ORG DIR ASFIA JAN 20 ANNOUNCED AUTHORIZATION \$15 MILLION US/AID LOAN (25 YEAR, 3.5 PERCENT) TO CONSTRUCT DEEP WATER PORT AND FACILITIES BANDAR ABBAS. GOI TO PROVIDE ANOTHER \$7 TO \$3 MILLION TO COMPLETE PROJECT. HOPE BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ABOUT SEPT, FINISH IN 3 1/2 YEARS. (UNCLAS)  
COMMENT: LOAN GOT WIDE, FAVORABLE PRESS COVERAGE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) IRAN-USSR: TALKS RE BORDER RIVER DAMS: PRESS REPORTS 4 SOV DAM EXPERTS IN IRAN TO TALK WITH GOI RE PROPOSED DAMS FOR RIVERS ATRAKS, ARAKES. (UNCLASSIFIED)  
COMMENT: 1957 TALKS LED TO AGREEMENT (JOINT PRELIM STUDY IRRIGATION, HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS, COSTS TO BE SHARED EQUALLY) WHICH NEVER IMPLEMENTED, THOUGH PLAN ORG JULY 1958 ALLOCATED \$612 THOUSAND EQUIV FOR PROJECT. GOI REP CURRENT TALKS NOT PLAN ORG BUT CHIEF SEFIDRUD WATER-POWER AUTHORITY BAYANI (GOI REP 1957 TALKS). (LIMITED OFFICIAL NEWS TALKS)

(3) IRAN-CZECH: TRADE TALKS END: (WEEK 3) TEHRAN TRADE TALKS ENDED JAN 21; CZECH DEL LEADER REPORTEDLY OFFERED INDUSTRIAL AID (PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING IRON FOUNDRY). (UNCLAS)  
COMMENT: NO OFFICIAL REACTION TO AID OFFER. MINCOMMERCE FEELS IRAN-CZECH TRADE RELATIONS GOOD; MAY BE EXPANDED IN SPRING, WHEN IRAN DEL PLANS GO PRAGUE TO CONCLUDE NEW TRADE AGREEMENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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(1) TOP STORIES: REFERENDUM OVERWHELMED OTHER NEWS; BALLOTING, VOTING SUFFRAGE, PRO-REFERENDUM RALLIES, SPEECHES, ASPECTS OF REFORMS NEARLY MONOPOLIZED FRONT PAGES. DISTURBANCES, BAZAAR CLOSING, NAT FRONT LEADERS ARRESTS, SHAH'S QOM SPEECH, ALAM LETTER TO BAHBEHANI GOT WIDE COVERAGE WITH TIE-IN TO REFERENDUM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: CONCENTRATED ON REFERENDUM, SHAH'S QOM SPEECH, PRO-REFERENDUM HOOPLA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) COMMUNIST BLOC RADIOS: RADIO MOSCOW REPORTED WITHOUT CRITICISM SHAH'S REFERENDUM, ARSANJANI'S REMARKS RE DISSIDENT TROUBLEMAKERS, AND SHAH'S CEDING ROYAL FORESTS AND REMAINING LANDS. PEYK-E IRAN (TUDEH VOICE, EAST BERLIN-BASED) URGED PEOPLE BOYCOTT "ILLEGAL, SHAV" REFERENDUM ATTACKED SHAH'S "POLICE TERROR", ARREST OF LEGITIMATE GROUPS WHICH ATTEMPTING VOICE OPPOSITITN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) FREE VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE PSEUDO-IRANIAN, UAR-BASED) CALLED FOR PEOPLE'S "HOLY WAR" AGAINST SHAH AND HIS RIGGED REFERENDUM. (LOCATION CONFIDENTIAL, CONTENT UNCLASSIFIED)

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KHAZAI CONVICTED; HEDAYAT TRIAL DELAYED: (WEEKS- 3) PRESS REPORTED JAN 31 MAJGEN KHAZAI (EX-CHIEF OR CONVICTED BY MIL APPEALS COURT, SENTENCED 5 YEARS PRISON, \$29,000 FINE. CO-DEFENDANTS COLS NIAKIAN, SHAB-PAREH AND MR FEREDUN ALSO CONVICTED; 3 ACQUITTED. FURTHER APPEAL POSSIBLE. (UNCLAS)

RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS HEDAYAT TRIAL DELAYED FOR FURTHER IN VES-

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TIGATION; MAY BE ATTEMPT WHITERASH HEDAYAT, BLAME MISAPPROPRIATION  
ON MAJGEN MOINPUR (EX-CHIEF ARMY ENG DEPT)9: (CONFIDENEAL)

(2) IIA CHIEF OF STAFF RETURNS TO DUTY: (WEEKA 2) MAJGEN  
AZHARI, DISCOURAGED BY INABILITY ACCOMPLISH ASSIGNED TASKS DUE TO  
LAK ARMED FORCES COMMAND STRUCTURE, SOUGHT RESIGN; SHAH REFUSED,  
DESIRED HIM TO REMAIN, HELP CORRECT SITUATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: AZHARI REGARDED AS COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT OFFICER  
WHOSE RETIREMENT WOULD BE LOSS TO IIA. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) IMPERIAL GUARDS TO QOM: RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS 1ST BN  
OF 1ST BRIGADE, IMPERIAL GUARDS DIV, MOVED TO QOM JAN 23; COMPANY  
OF 111TH TANK BN READY IF NEEDED. MOVES TAKEN TO INSURE SHAH'S  
SAFETY WHEN HE CONFRONTED MULLAHS IN QOM JAN 24. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
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